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一部、二部と次第に大人びてきたアスナも、この巻から始まる第三部でいよいよ最終型です。

後髪も切り、胸もやや女性らしく丸みを帯びた彼女が、Zの時代に再び登場したエリシア、ヤハギ、フォルマとどのように絡んでいくのか？　そして新たに登場した、ひとくせもふたくせもある新クルーの活躍は？　……などと考える間もないままにスタッフ共々作業に追われる日々です（苦笑）。いよいよアスナ○ンダムの気配もあり、エンディングに向けて一気に加速していく中いかにそれぞれのキャラクターに心地よいラストを迎えてもらおうか……。そんなことで頭は一杯です。

リバーシブルカバー描きおろし？

もはや、そんなことは誰も口にはしません（笑）。

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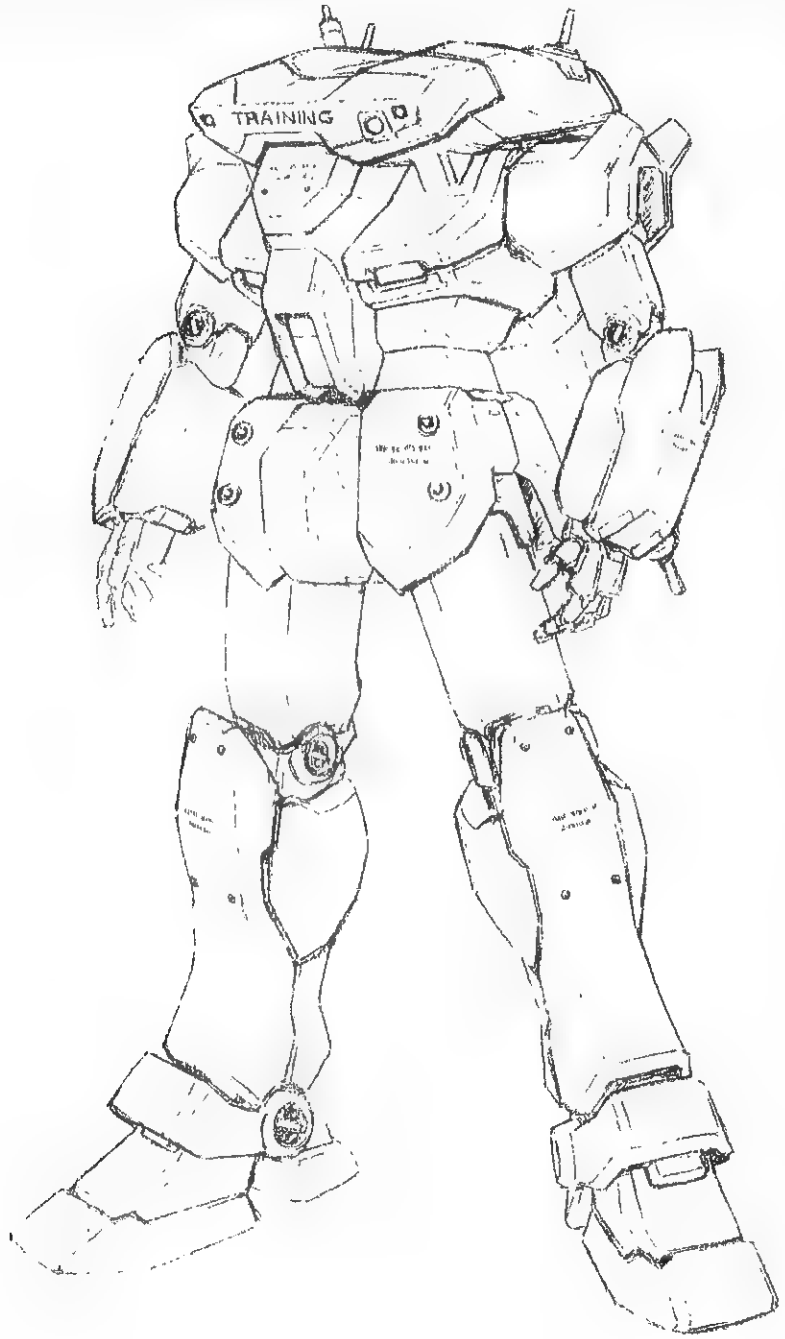

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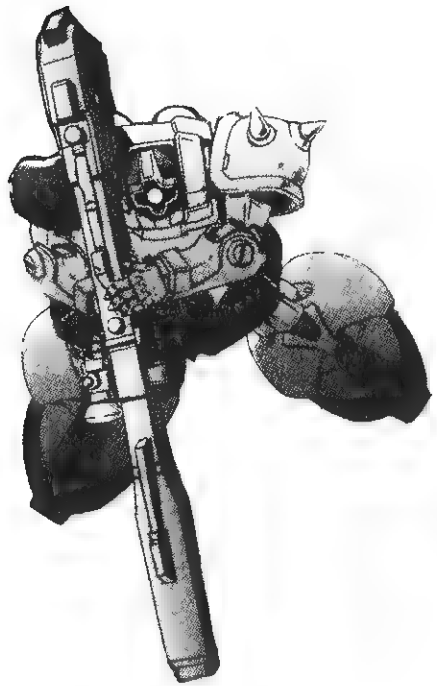
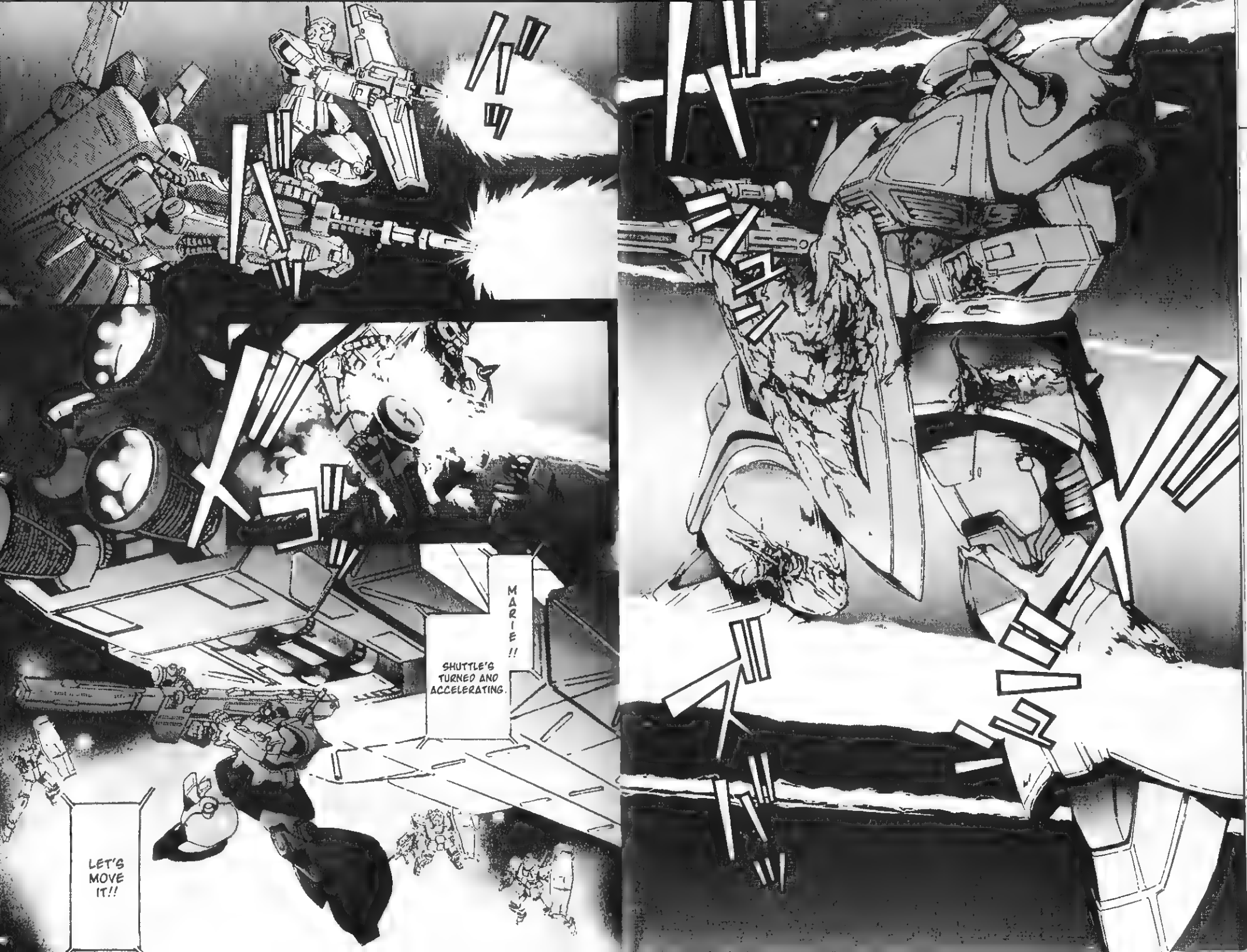
HOLD ON TILL WE GET TO THE MOON.

2 16 Marie Alberia

MARIE... EVERYONE... WAIT UP!

AGUNA ...

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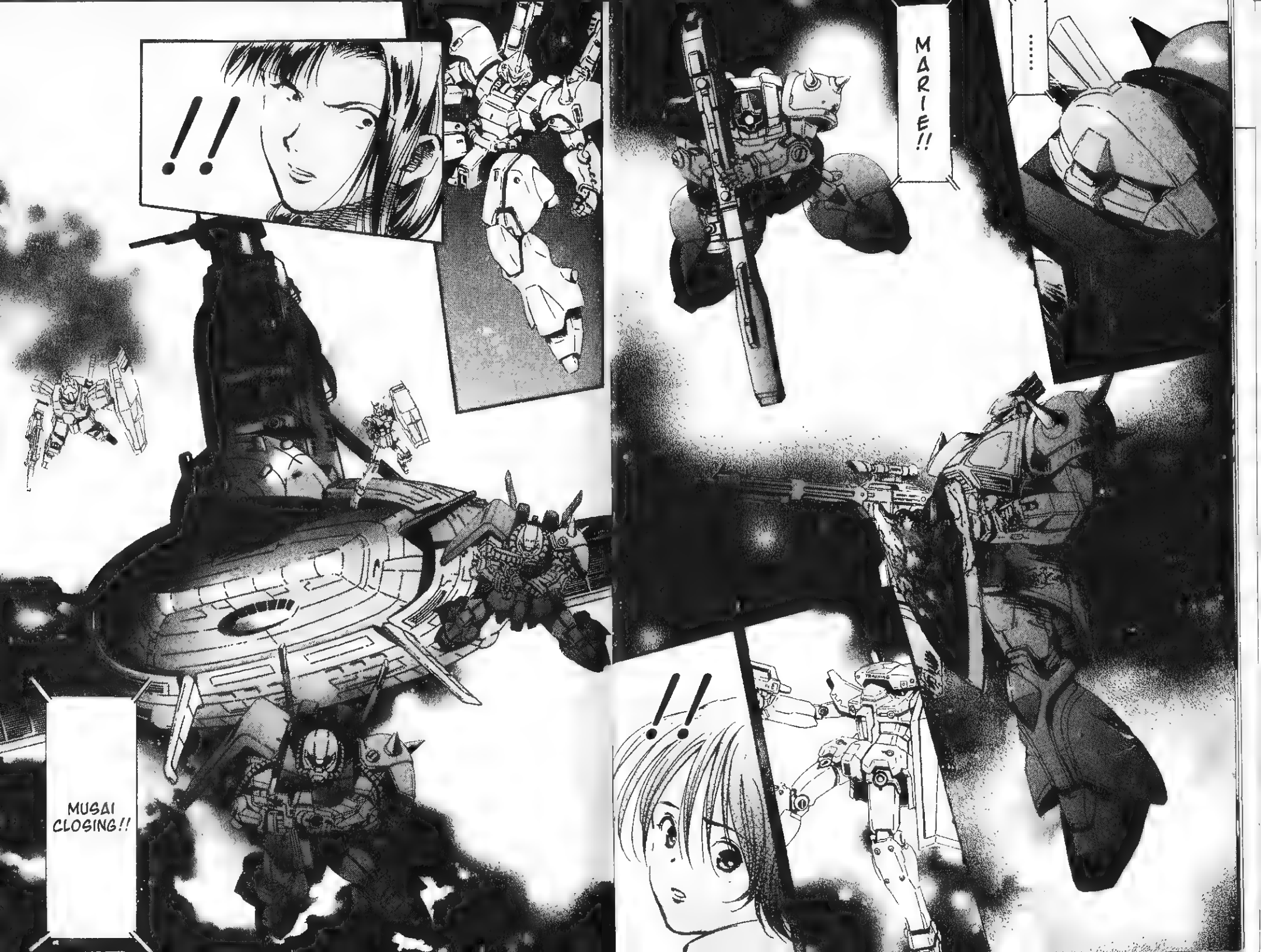
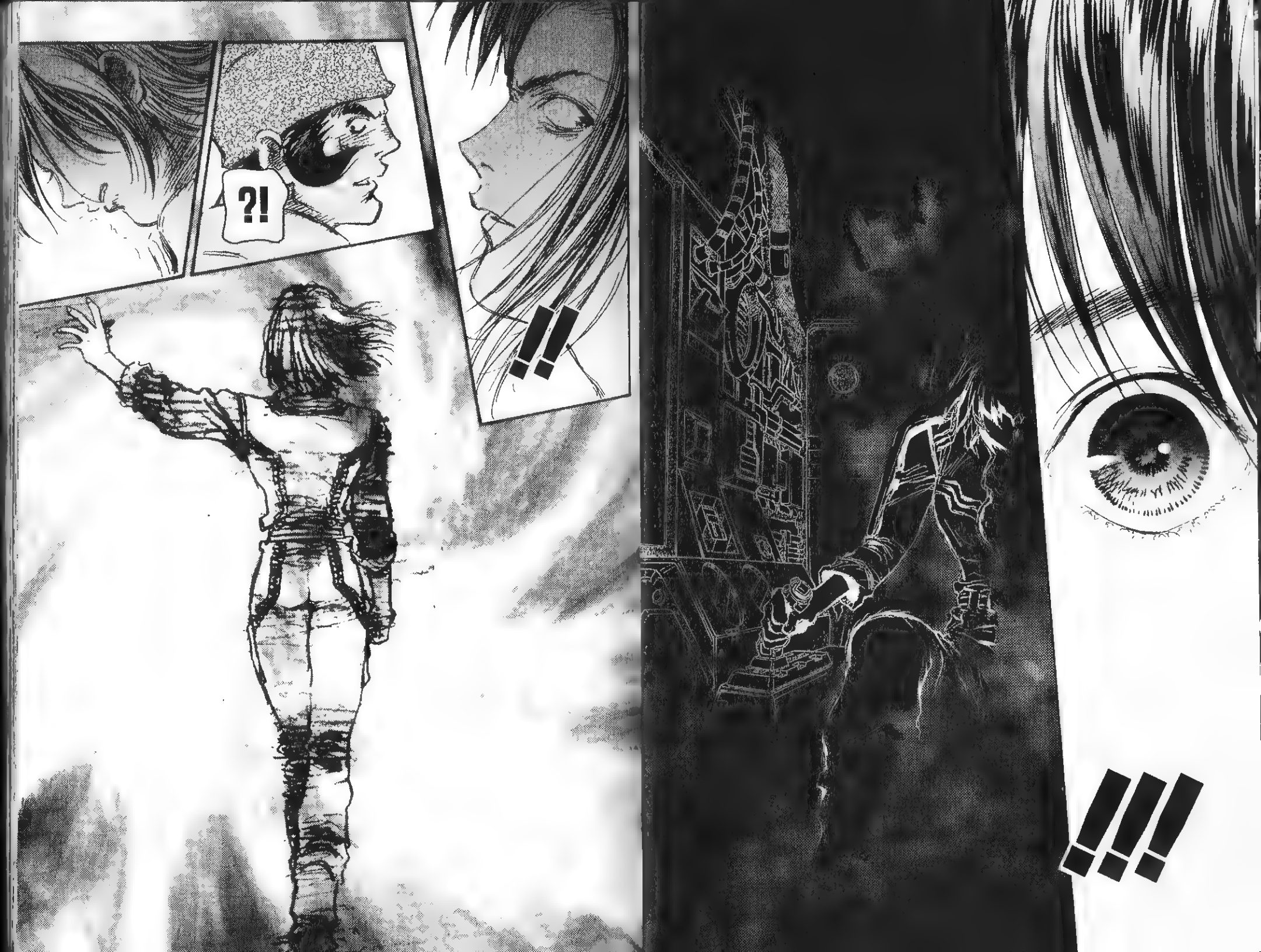
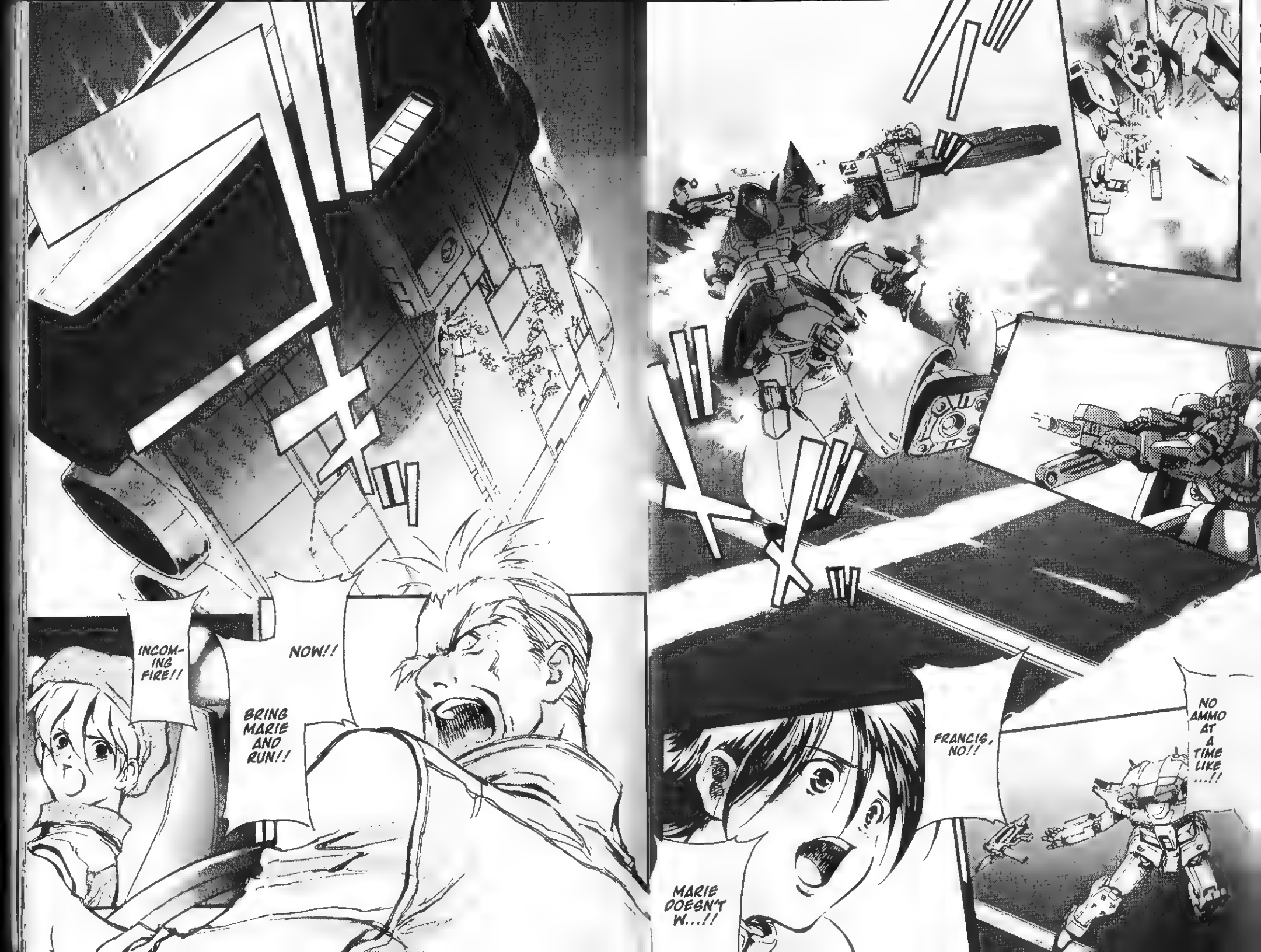
SHUTTLE'S TURNED AND ACCELERATING.
LET'S MOVE IT!!

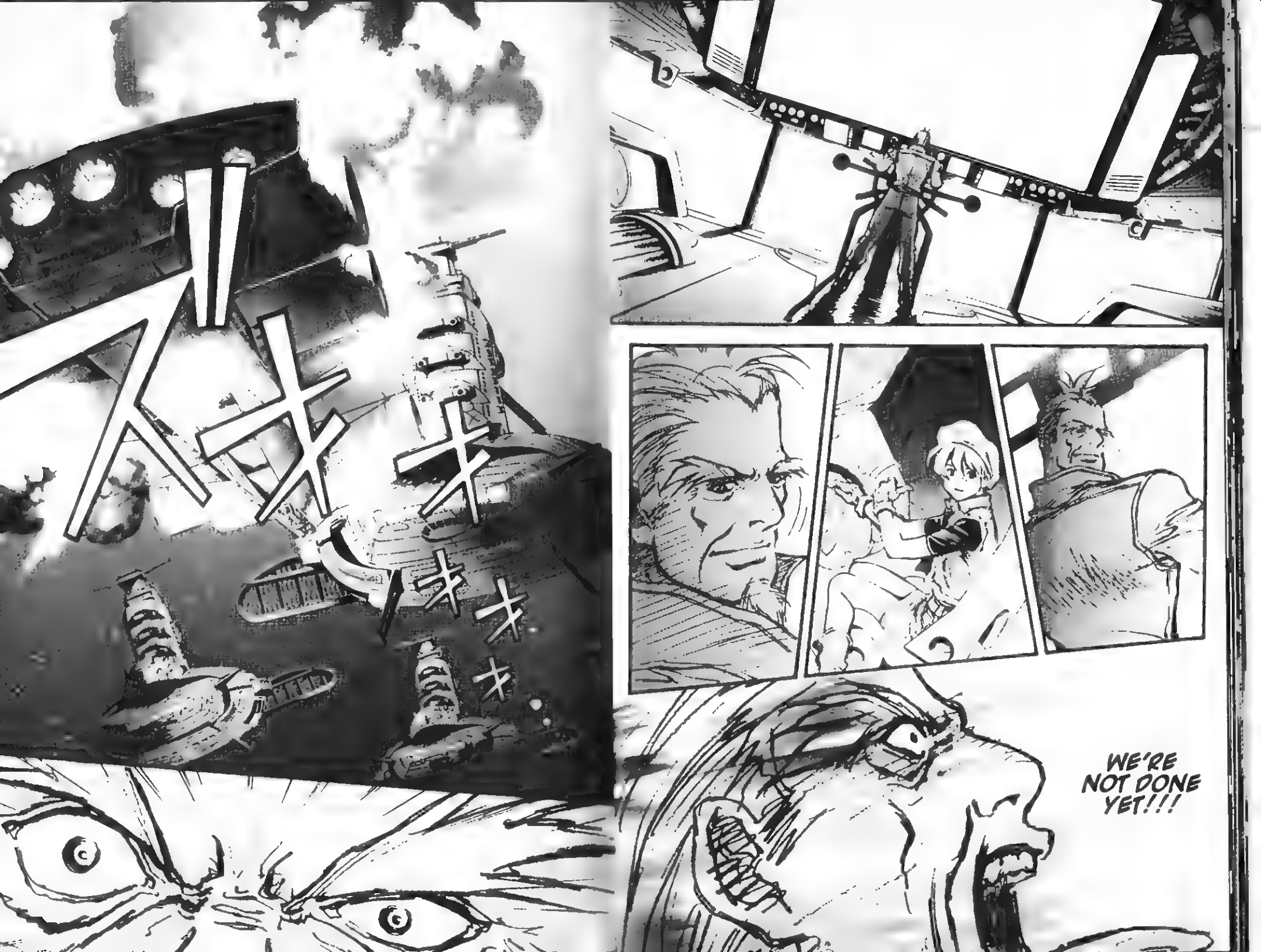

!!
MUSAI CLOSING!!
MARIE!!
……
!!

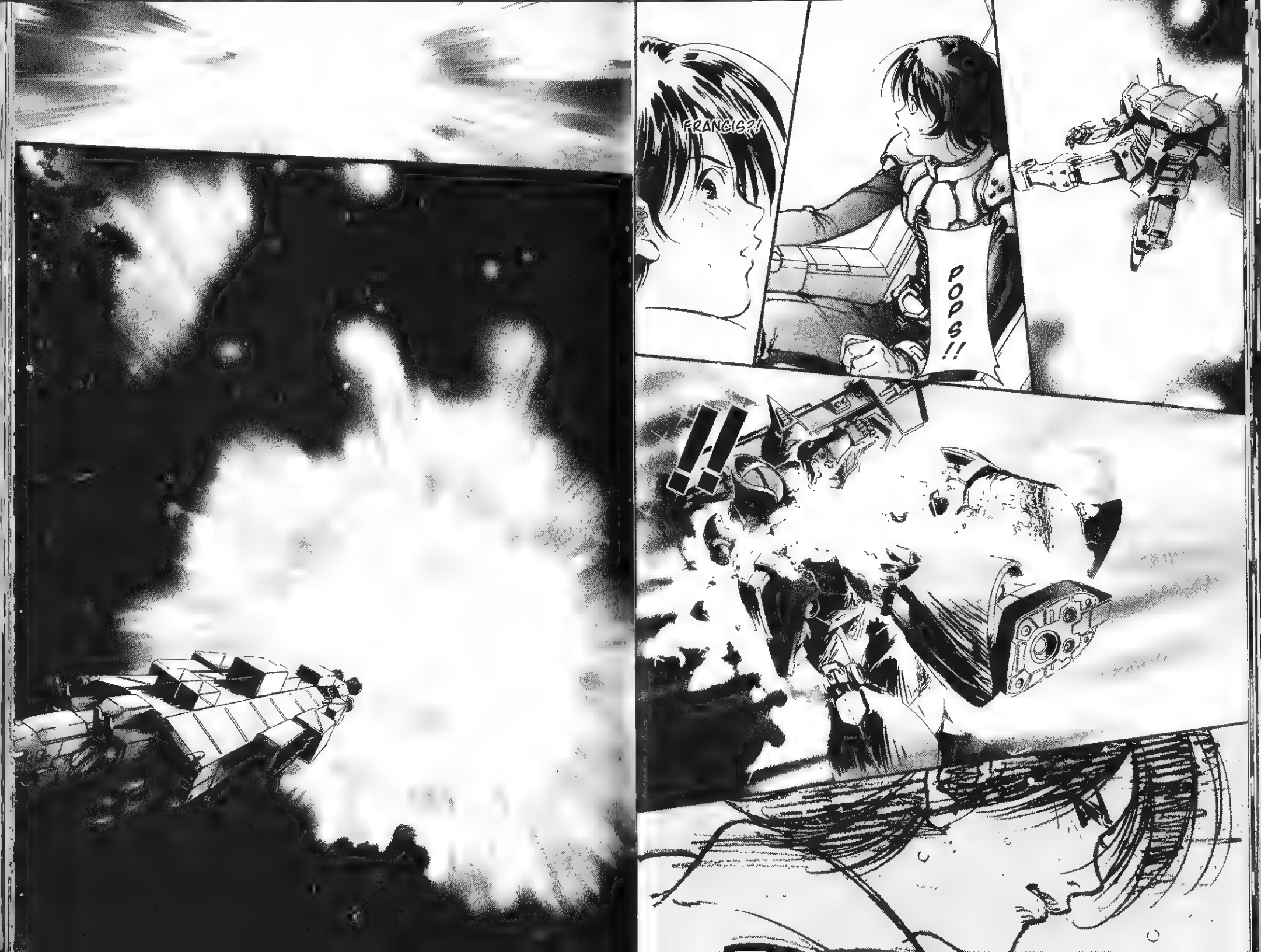
MARIE'S BREATHING...TRYING TO...
...TELL US...SOMETHING!!
SHUTTLE IS OUT OF COMBAT AREA.



LET'S KICK THESE BUMS AROUND !!
MARIE !!
FORGET SAVING AMMO
AKIRA...
!
ASUNA, RUN.
AT LEAST ONE MUSAI IS STILL HERE.
THIS SETTLES OUR DEBT, THOUGH.
DEBT?
ABOUT...SHIN?

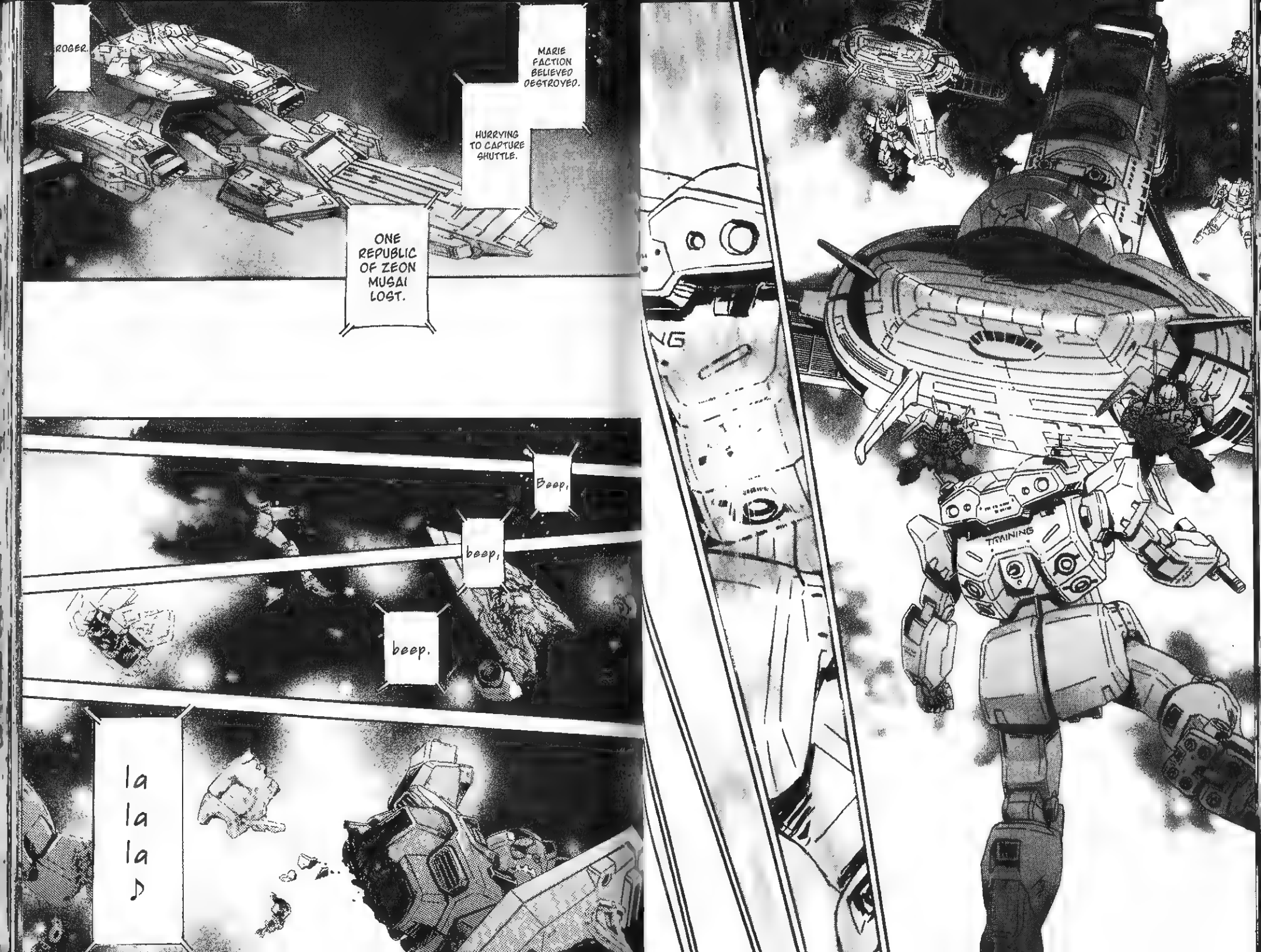

INCOM-
ING
FIRE!!
NOW!!
BRING
MARIE
AND
RUN!!
MARIE
DOESN'T
W...!!
FRANCIS,
NO!!
NO
AMMO
AT
A
TIME
LIKE
...!!


WE'RE NOT DONE YET!!!


FRANCIS?!
POPS!!
!!

...GONNA DIE FROM THIS!!
NO WAY I'M

SHIP NUMBER 1 SUNK.
PIRATE SHIP ALSO SUNK!!
SMASH THE REMAIN-ING MS!!
CANARD!!
LET'S GO!!!!


ROGER.
MARIE FACTION BELIEVED DESTROYED.
HURRYING TO CAPTURE SHUTTLE.
ONE REPUBLIC OF ZEON MUSAI LOST.
Beep,
beep,
beep.
la
la
la
♪
TRAINING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ♪
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ♪

...TO YOU♪
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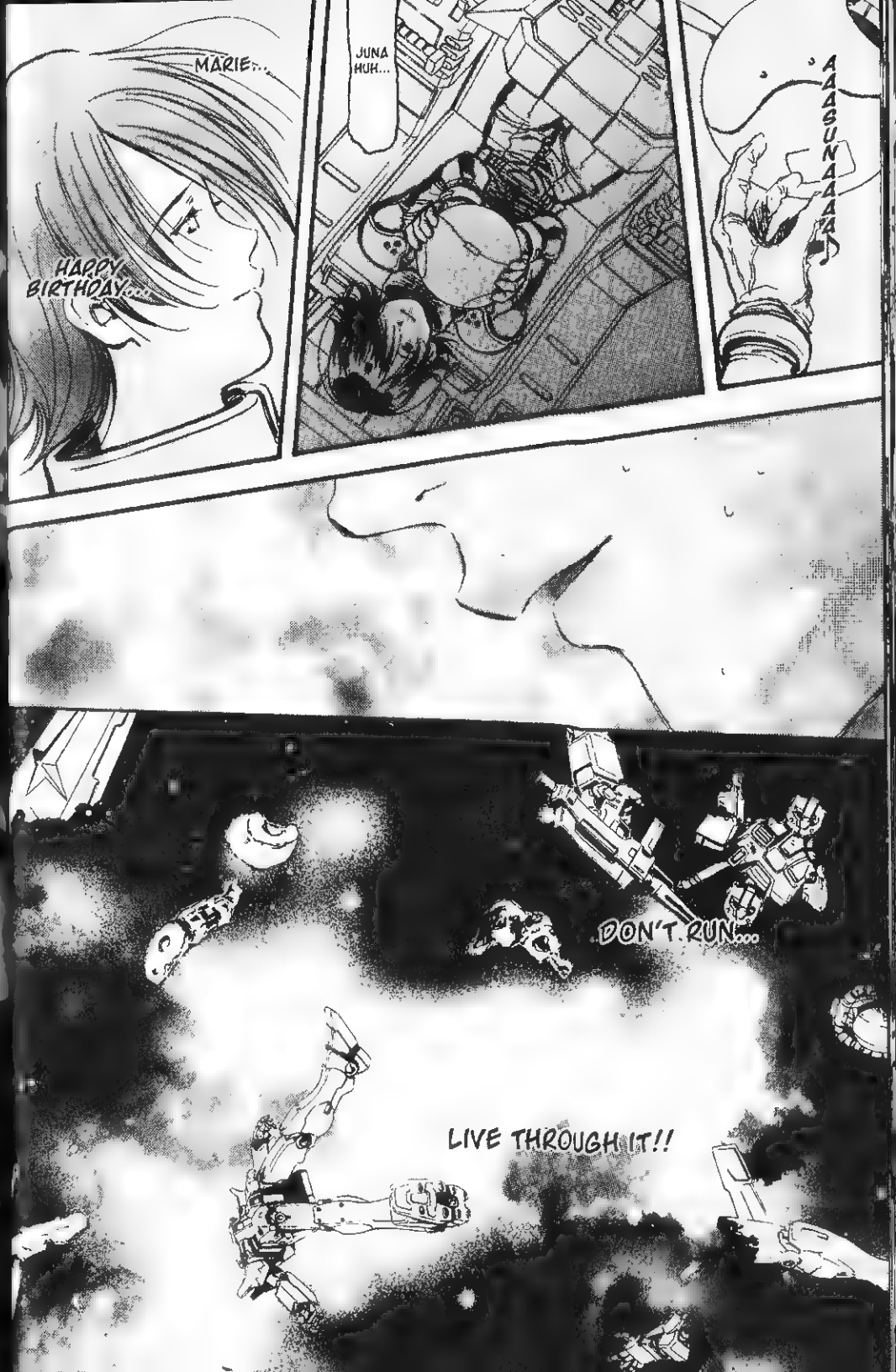
MARIE...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
JUNA HUH...
AAASUNAAAA♪
DON'T RUN...
LIVE THROUGH IT!!

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CHAPTER 16 [The Wriggler]

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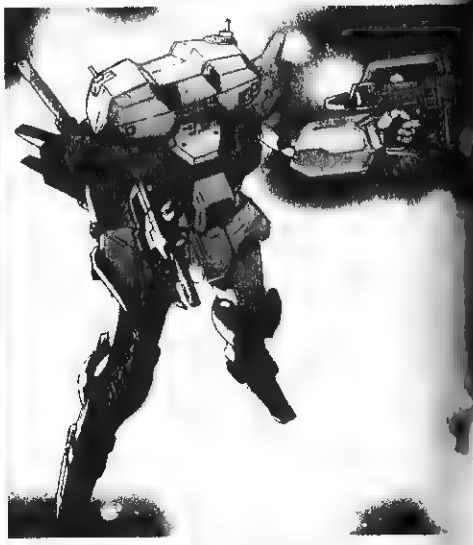

▲Asuna's Newtype ability awakens in warped fashion. Destroys several Zakus in an instant.

× Chapter 01-21. Awakening/ Volume 04

▲After the battle, Erisia gains the "Committee's" attention, as well.

× Chapter 01-22: Truth/ Volume 05

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Part I, "Montreal"

U.C. 0085. Asuna Elmarit, a girl hailing from the Republic of Zeon, who should have been dwelling with that sector of humanity in the vastness of space...was discovered by a project devoted to acquiring the "Newtype" power key to battlefield dominance and recruited by "The Committee" into the Federation MS training school, "Ecole." After going through simulation training and surviving a live round training incident during an exercise, her curriculum shifts to space. Instructors, classmates...many people's lives are lost due to the treachery of "Committee" member Forma. In battle, the awakened Asuna shoots down 5 MS, but her precious Shin was killed in action. Learning the cause of his death, Asuna flees Ecole.

Earth Fed MS training school – Montreal. Building looks like an owl from above. Asuna cleaning the training GM "Canard."

× Chapter 01-02: Asuna Elmarit/ Volume 01

Due to an accident, Asuna and Shin spend the night shut in a training ship brig cell.

× Chapter 01-14: Approach/ Volume 03

シン・バルナック

Shin Barnack

Sailor turned classmate. Precious to Asuna & Erisia

エミル・フォクトレン

Emilu Voigtland

Asuna's classmate. An incident made them friend

ハヨ・フランジバック

hagi Franziback

's hot-blooded instructor. tronic, former Newtype.

フォルマ・ガードナー

Forma Guardner

Cold, calculating "Ecole" instructor & "Committee" member

エリシア・ノクトン

Erisia Nocton

Genius, top of her "Ecole" class. Keeps a close eye on Asuna.

アスナ・エルマリート

Asuna Elmarit

Born in Zeon. However, her birth has a secret.

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Part 2, "Marie"

With Shin dead, and her mind opened by Erisia, Asuna flees "Ecole" in despair, joining the ex-Zeon Pirates under Marie. With new friends watching over her, like the war orphan Juna and mechanic Pops, Asuna learns about life and hardship. After being caught up in a kidnapping incident by the Titans on Side 6, they participate in testing for a stolen Gundam Mk-II for AEUG on the moon. The Titans, in pursuit of Marie and Asuna, take Asuna's mother Haruka hostage and lay a trap to tie up all loose ends. In the face of overwhelming military force, Marie dies, and the Pirates are destroyed.

Part. 2 Sub Title

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CHAPTER 01 [The Pirates]
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CHAPTER 16 [Marie Albertia]

▲Asuna realizes for the first time that she has irreplaceable friends who need her.

※Chapter 02-07: Friends/ Volume 06

▲ Asuna faces a Mk-II piloted by Jack in mock combat, impressing Anaheim Electronics.

※Chapter 02-11: Jack Bayard/ Volume 07

▶The "Pirates" recover the drifting GM Canard.

※ Chapter 02-04: Memory/ Volume 05

▲Though captured by Titans agents, Akira creates a chance to escape. She takes on three Hizacks with an old-model Zaku.

※ Chapter 02-06: Resistance/ Volume 06

▲ Marie, knowing the Titans will catch up someday, decides to disband the Pirates.

※Chapter 02-13: Hostage/ Volume 07

Akira

Mysterious boy piloting a Kaempfer. Childhood friend of Asuna.

Rolf Berger

a.k.a. Pops. The Pirates' chief mechanic

トーマス

Tomas

Rick Dom pilot. Teased for his timid personality.

フランシス

Francis

Rick Dom pilot. Rough appearance, kind heart.

ユーナ

Juna

Orphaned in the One Year War. Good match for Asuna?

マリー・アルベルティア

Marie Albertia

Leader of the Pirates [Marie Faction]. Pilots a Gelgoog.

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U.C. 0079.0X.XX	Prof. Elmarit's daughter, Asuna Elmarit, born in Zeon.
U.C. 0079.01.03	One Week War. Zeon declares independence from Earth Federation (start of One Year War).
U.C. 0079.01.15	Battle of Loum. Earth Federation fleets heavily routed.
U.C. 0079.12.29	Federation begins Operation Star One against Zeon.
U.C. 0079.12.31	Final Zeonic fortress of A Baoa Q falls.
U.C. 0080.01.01	End of One Year War. After war, Prof. Elmarit flees war crimes accusations. Whereabouts unknown.
U.C. 0083.11.10	Federation celebrates 3rd anniversary. Discord between Federation government and Spacenoids deepens.

Part 1

U.C. 0085.04.07	Asuna Elmarit enrolls in E.F. MS training school "Ecole" (Montreal school).
U.C. 0085.07.31	Titans slaughter citizens of Side 1's Colony #30 (#30 Incident).
U.C. 0086.03.01	Emilu Voigtlander graduates from "Ecole."

Part 2

U.C. 0087.03.02	AEUG hijacks Gundam Mk-II undergoing testing at Green Noah 1.
U.C. 0087.03.25	Argama docks at lunar city Amman.
U.C. 0087.04.20	Secret testing of stolen Gundam Mk-II near Amman.
U.C. 0087.0X.XX	"Pirates" of Marie Albertia destroyed.

Part 3

U.C. 0087.05.11	AEUG MS unit raids Jaburo from Earth orbit (Jaburo raid).
U.C. 0087.08.18	AEUG liberates Von Braun city. Titans retreat from the Moon.
U.C. 0087.10.12	Old Zeon remnants of Axis return to Earth Sphere.
U.C. 0087.11.02	AEUG and Kaballah launch joint attack on Earth Federation base of Kilimanjaro (Battle of Kilimanjaro).

3 1 Dakar
FOR AGES, MAN HAS PLAYED WITHIN THE CRADLE OF THIS EARTH.
HOWEVER, THE TIME HAS ALREADY COME FOR MANKIND TO LEAVE THE NEST.

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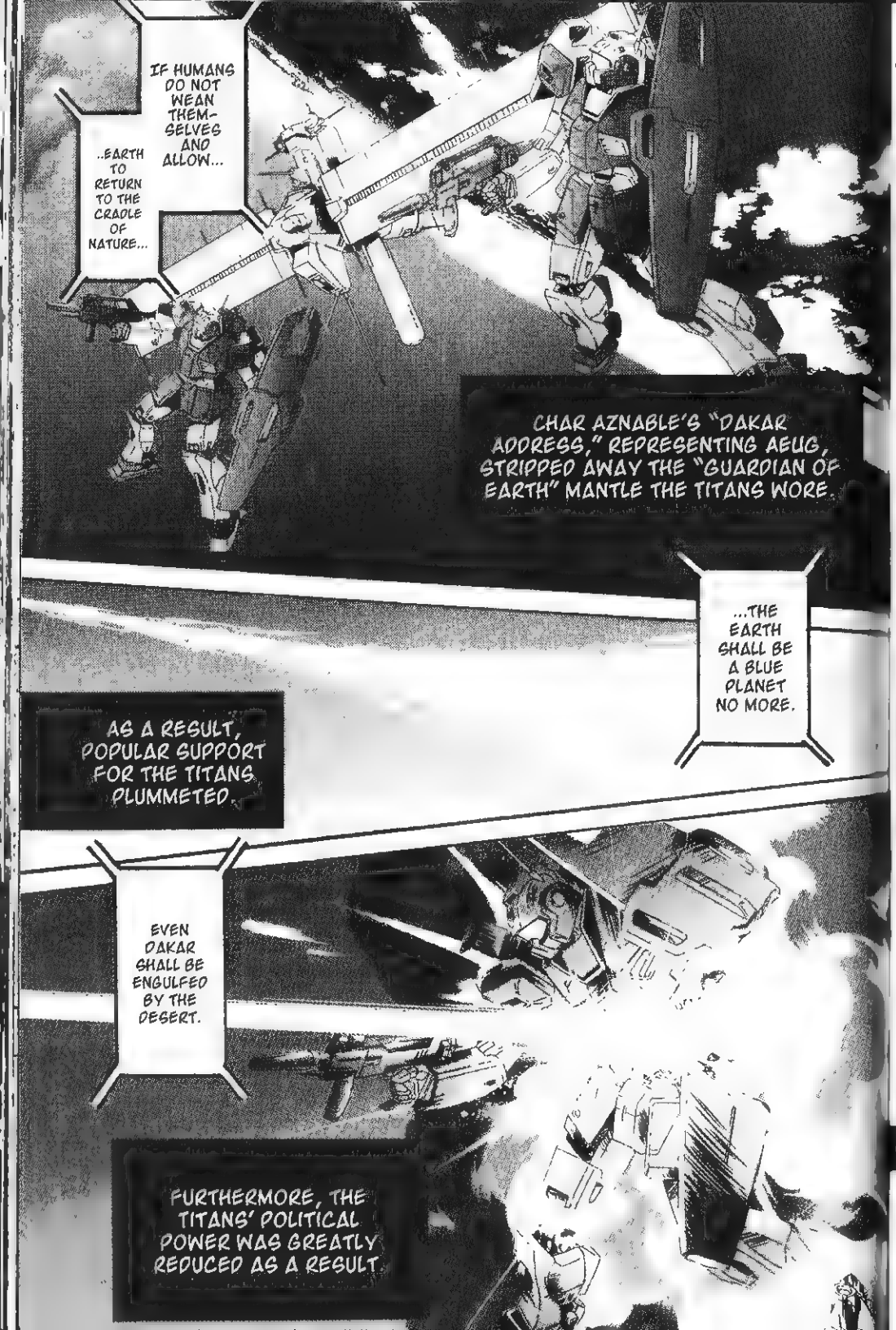
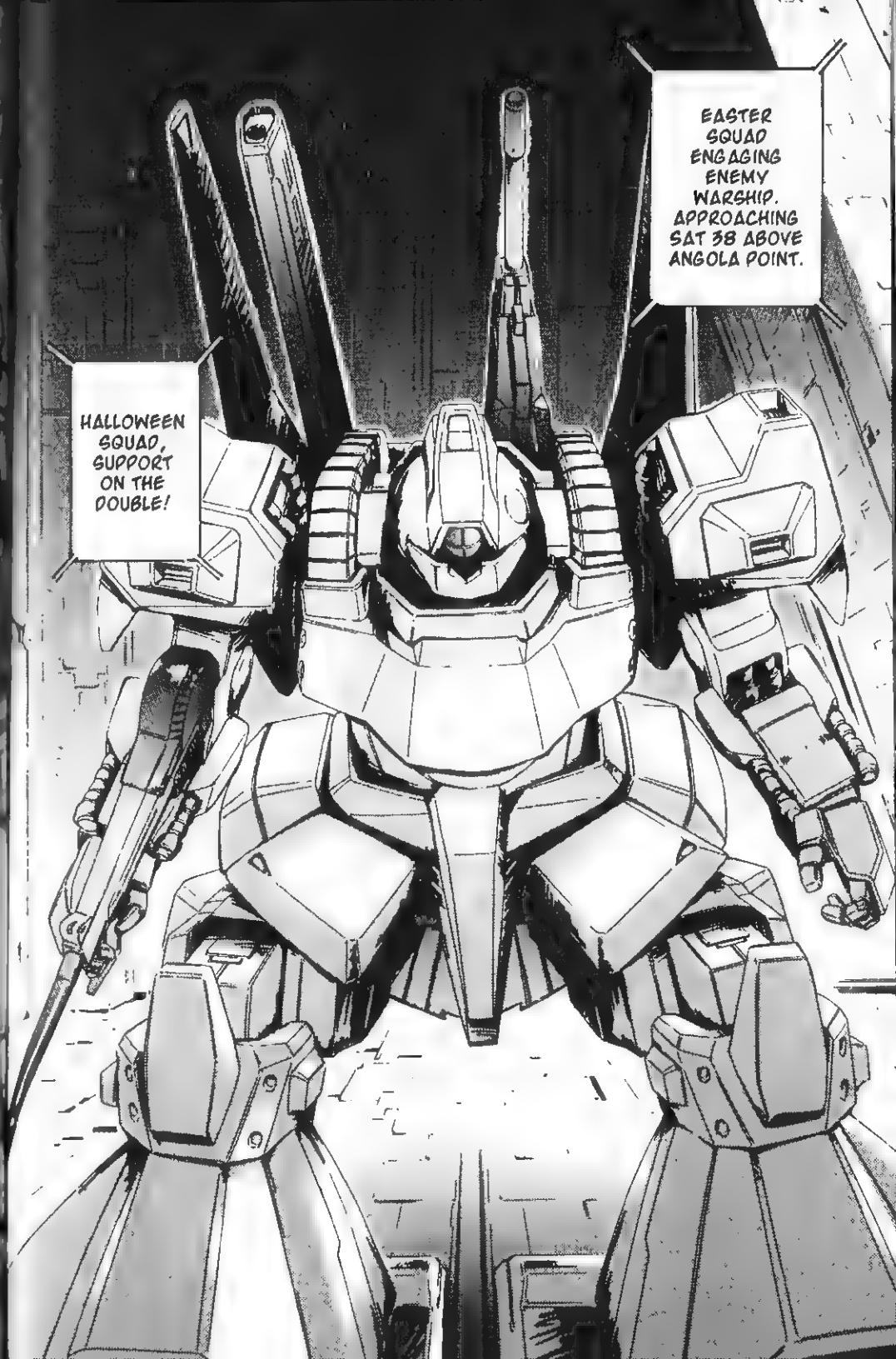

IF HUMANS DO NOT WEAN THEM-SELVES AND ALLOW...
..EARTH TO RETURN TO THE CRADLE OF NATURE...
CHAR AZNABLE'S "DAKAR ADDRESS," REPRESENTING AEUG, STRIPPED AWAY THE "GUARDIAN OF EARTH" MANTLE THE TITANS WORE.
...THE EARTH SHALL BE A BLUE PLANET NO MORE.
AS A RESULT, POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE TITANS PLUMMETED.
EVEN DAKAR SHALL BE ENGULFED BY THE DESERT.
FURTHERMORE, THE TITANS' POLITICAL POWER WAS GREATLY REDUCED AS A RESULT.

...MAN FIGHT MAN AND DESPOIL THE EARTH!!
IN THIS DAY AND AGE, WHY MUST...
SENEGAL REGION, AFRICAN CONTINENT
DAKAR

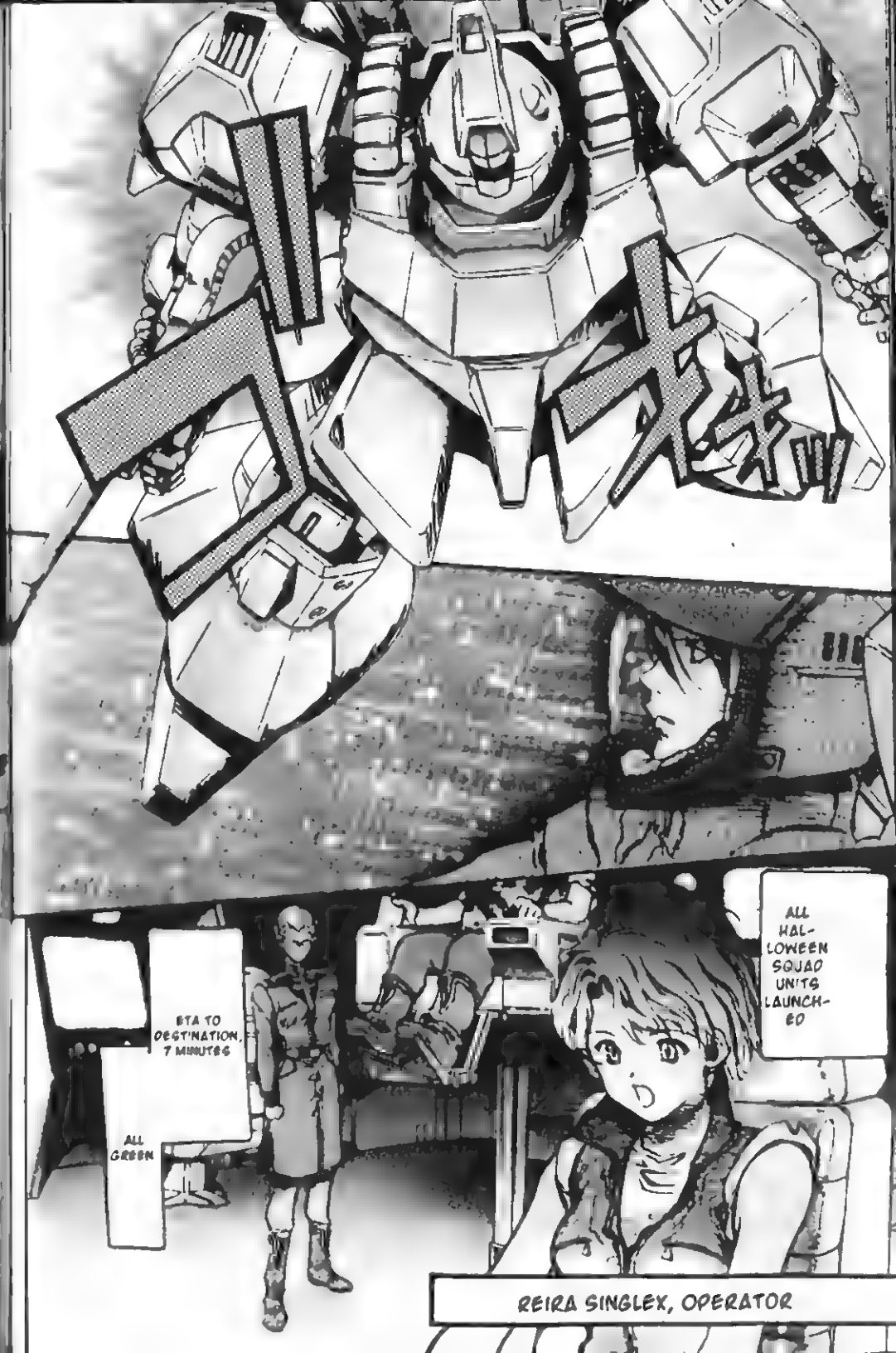
THE FEDERATION, PUBLIC AND CONGRESS' SUPPORT OF AEUG INCREASED, WIPING AWAY ITS IMAGE AS A GUERILLA ORGANIZATION.
U.C. 0087.11.16
ARE YOU SO TIRED OF THE EARTH?!
THINK!! WHO WISHES TO LEAVE BEHIND A BEAUTIFUL EARTH NOW?!
THIS IS JACK BAYARD, HALLOWEEN SQUAD.
FRONT IS CLEAR.
LET'S GO!!

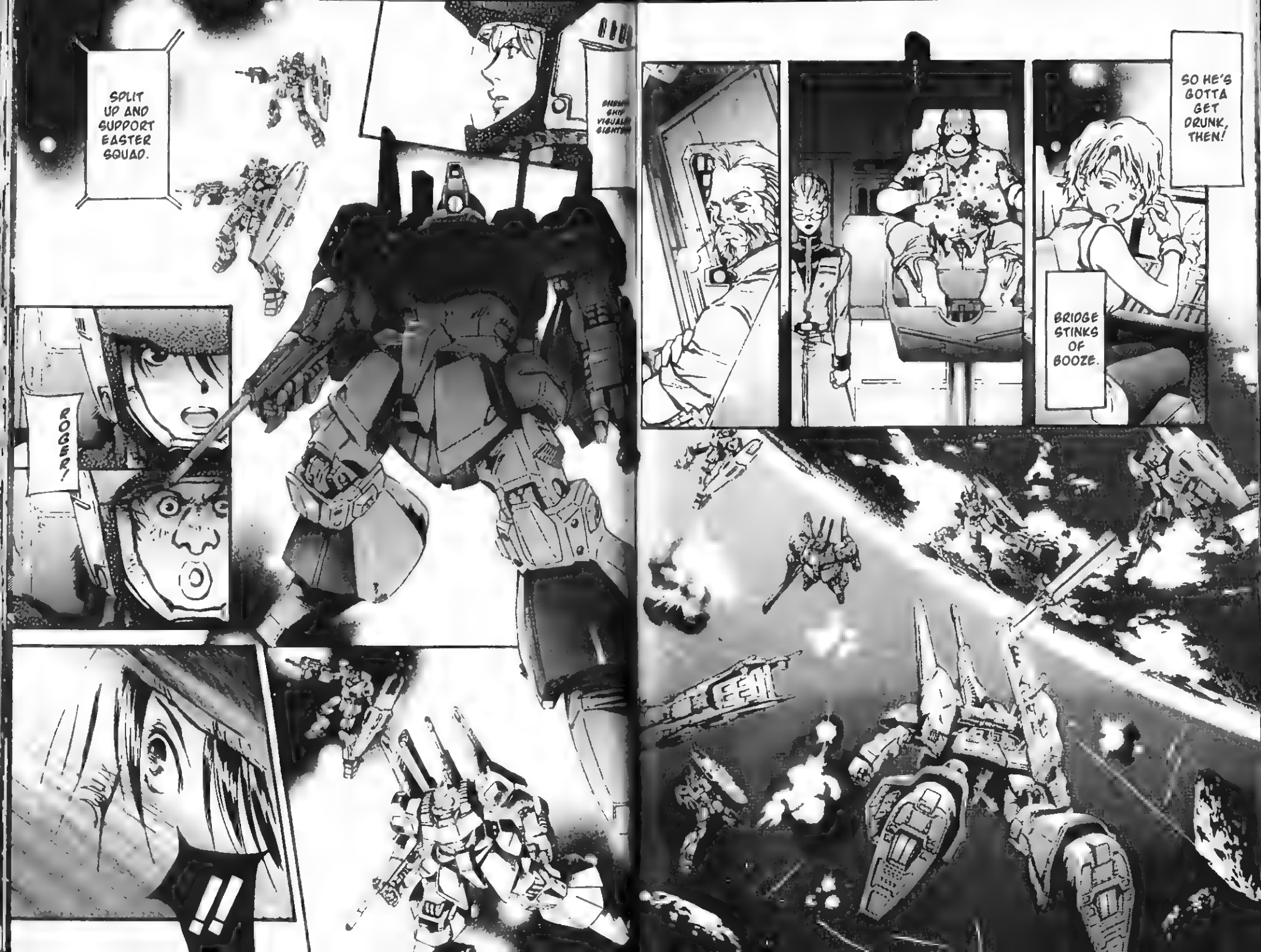
AGUNA ELMARIT...
...AGAIN?
WHO IS?
SLIP SIP
MICHAL AKARETTE, XO
BERNARDO FERRE, CAPTAIN
ONE UNIT...
HIC
SHORT
WELL...
...IT'S NOT LIKE LIVES ARE AT STAKE HERE!
JOSEPH KOLDRATT, COM
...EVEN MORE PEOPLE CAN HEAR CHAR AZNABLE'S SPEECH.
WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT TITANS' COM SAT DOWN SO...
IRISH CLASS BATTLESHIP ZWICKBAU
HALLOWEEN SQUAD, GORRO HEADING OUT!
CAPTAIN
...SHE'S LATE AGAIN!
SHE'LL BE HERE SOON!
THE COM SAT COMES FIRST!

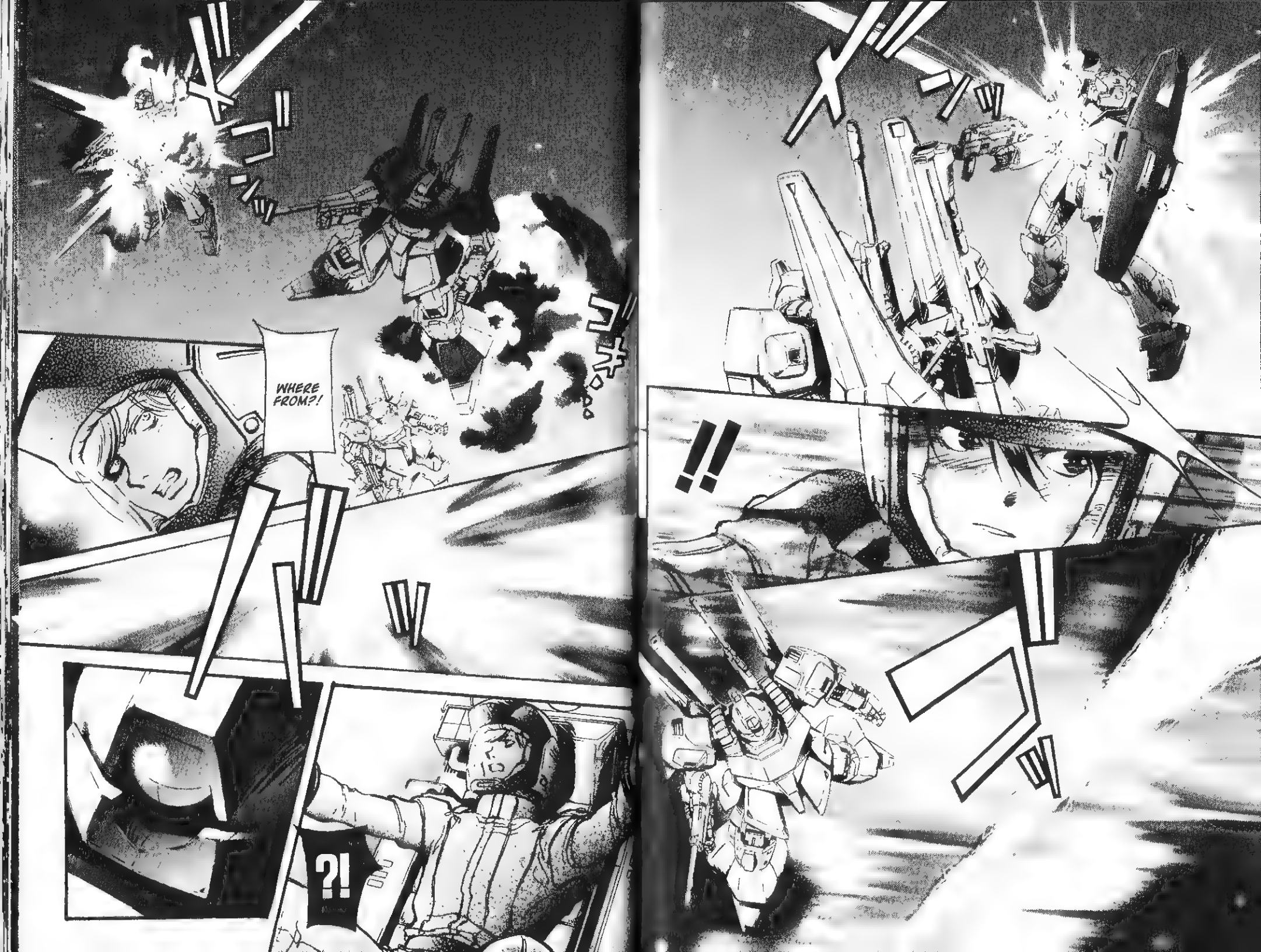
OH COME ON--!
I SAID IT'S A HEAVY MACHINE!!
I SAID TO NAIL IT DOWN MORE!
CHIBA
THE THRUST EXHAUST'S TOO ROUGH.
HEADING OUT!
OVERFLOWING POWER! FULLSOME WEIGHT...
GOT IT?
THE DIAS AIN'T FOR FIGHTING WITH CHEAP TRICKS!
MARCUS OOTSUKA, MAINTENANCE CHIE


EASTER SQUAD ENGAGING ENEMY WARSHIP. APPROACHING SAT 38 ABOVE ANGOLA POINT.
HALLOWEEN SQUAD, SUPPORT ON THE DOUBLE!

COULD YOU HOLD BACK ON THE ALCOHOL A BIT?
CAP-TAIN ..
...THE MOST PEACEFUL WAY TO PROCLAIM THE TITANS' CORRUPTION TO THE WORLD.
HE SAYS... IT'S A TOAST TO CELEBRATE THIS TELEVISED PUBLIC ADDRESS, WHICH IS!..


ETA TO DESTINATION, 7 MINUTES
ALL GREEN
ALL HAL-LOWEEN SQUAD UNITS LAUNCH-ED
REIRA SINGLEX, OPERATOR

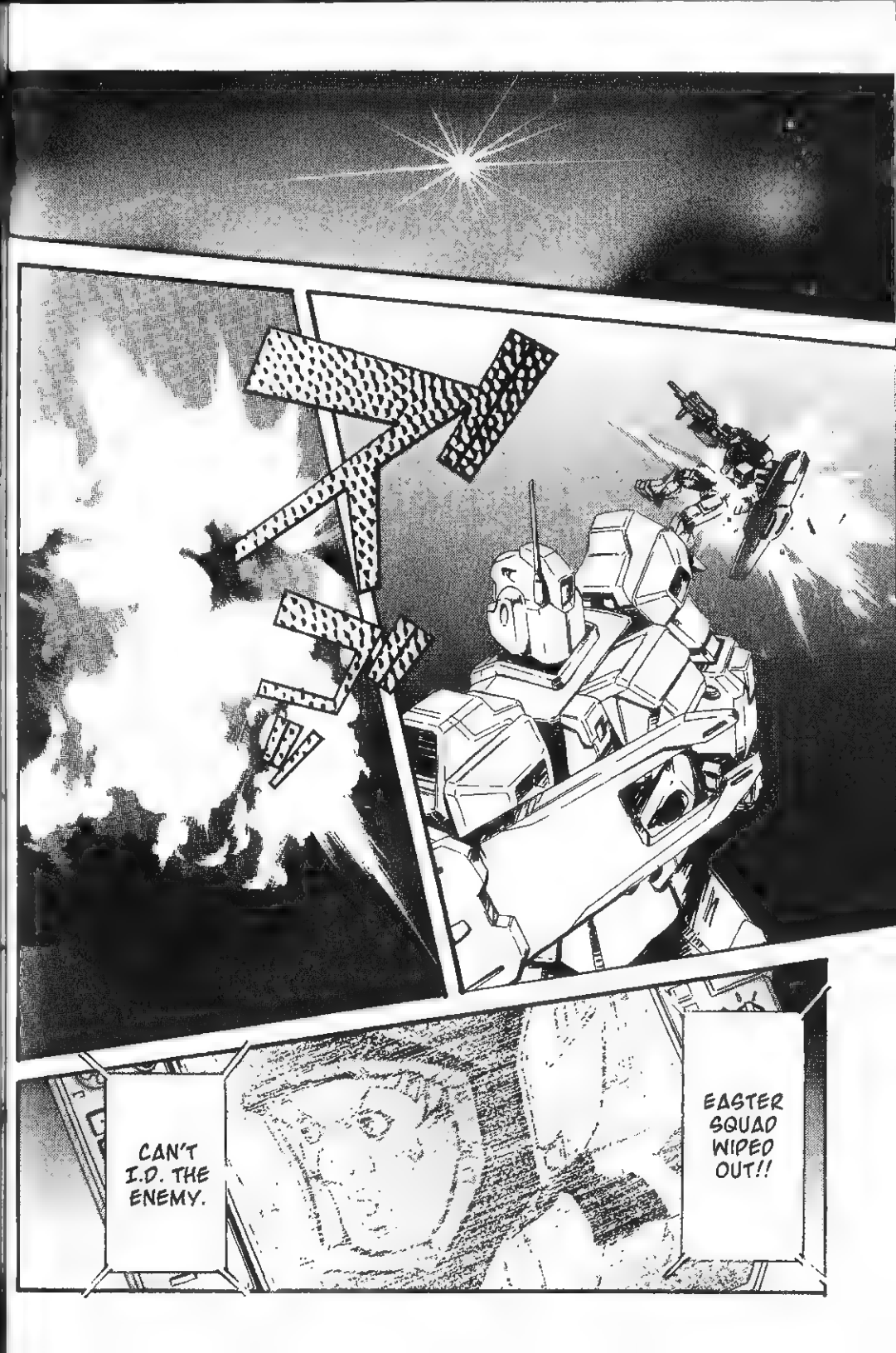

SPLIT UP AND SUPPORT EASTER SQUAD.
ROGER!
SO HE'S GOTTA GET DRUNK, THEN!
BRIDGE STINKS OF BOOZE.


WHERE FROM?!
?!
!!

IT'S A TYPE THAT USES SPEED TO CONFUSE AT LONG RANGE!
THEN...!!
?!
COMING AGAIN!
AGU-NAP!
SIGNAL TO GET BEHIND HER!!

FAST...!
!!
IF I FOLLOW THE FIRING POINTS...
BEEP
BEEP
FOUND YOU!!

MR. GOR-RO!!
GO...!!
DUM-MIES, QU...
I'LL GET KILLED AT THIS RATE!!


CAN'T I.D. THE ENEMY.
EASTER SQUAD WIPED OUT!!

RICK D
ROGER!!
FIRST WE SLOW HIM DOWN!!
SINK OR SWIM!!
OVER HERE?!
DAMN!!
THAT'S NOT HIM!!

CHATACTER FILE: 17

Bernardo Ferre

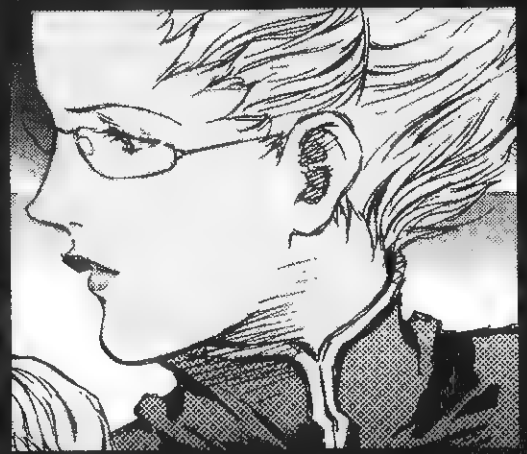
Captain of AEUC Irish-class warship, the "Zwickbau." Heavy drinker and appears slothful, but actually not much of an eater. Due to his girth, he wears his pet Hawaiian shirt with cute bear motifs on the bridge rather than a uniform.

He likes to drink...A lot.

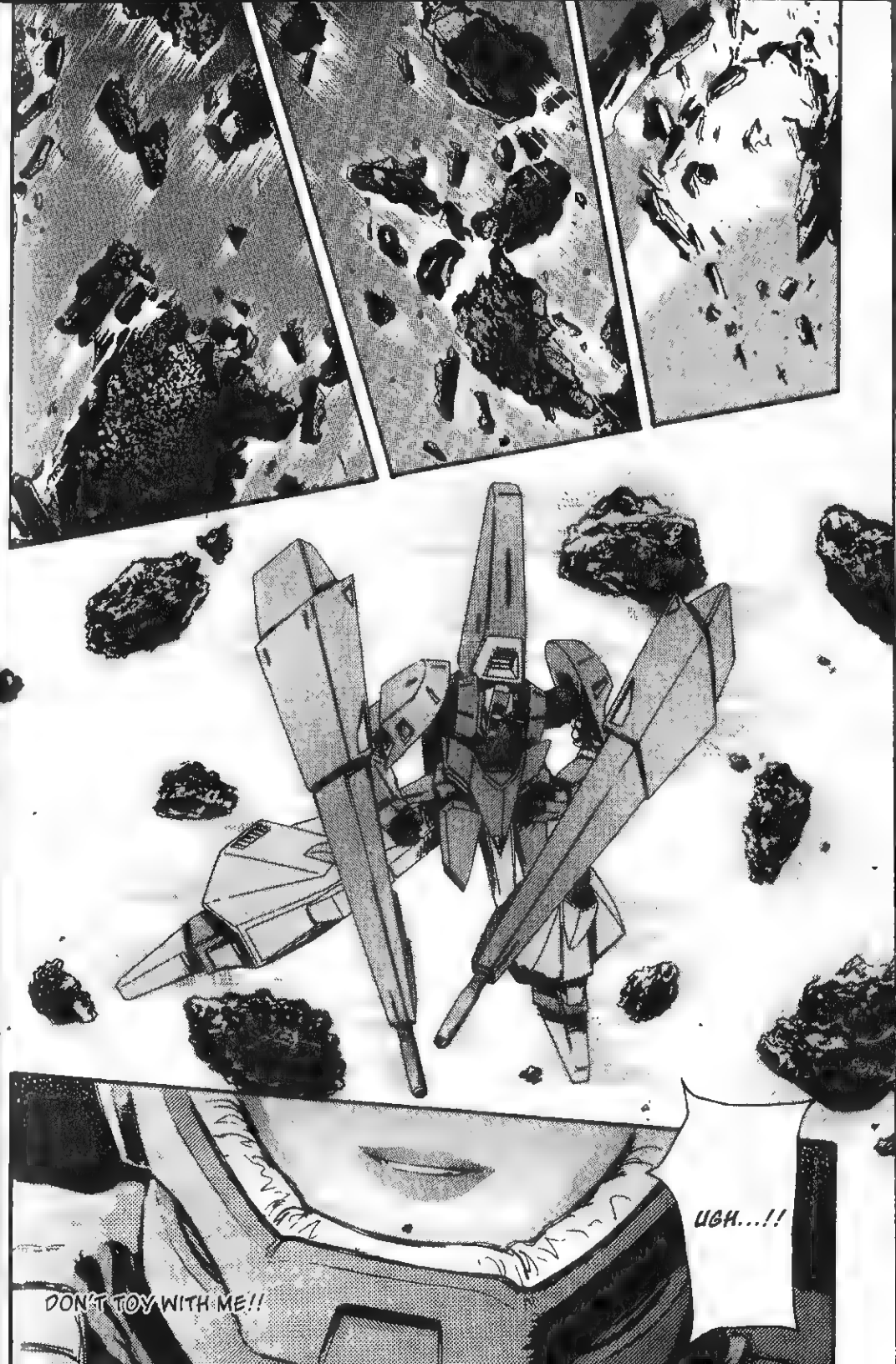
CHARACTER FILE: 18

Michal Akarette

Executive Officer of the Zwickbau. Talented, professional female officer who supports Capt. Bernardo with calm judgment. Sexy glasses, too ♪



They say she's scarier than the Captain.



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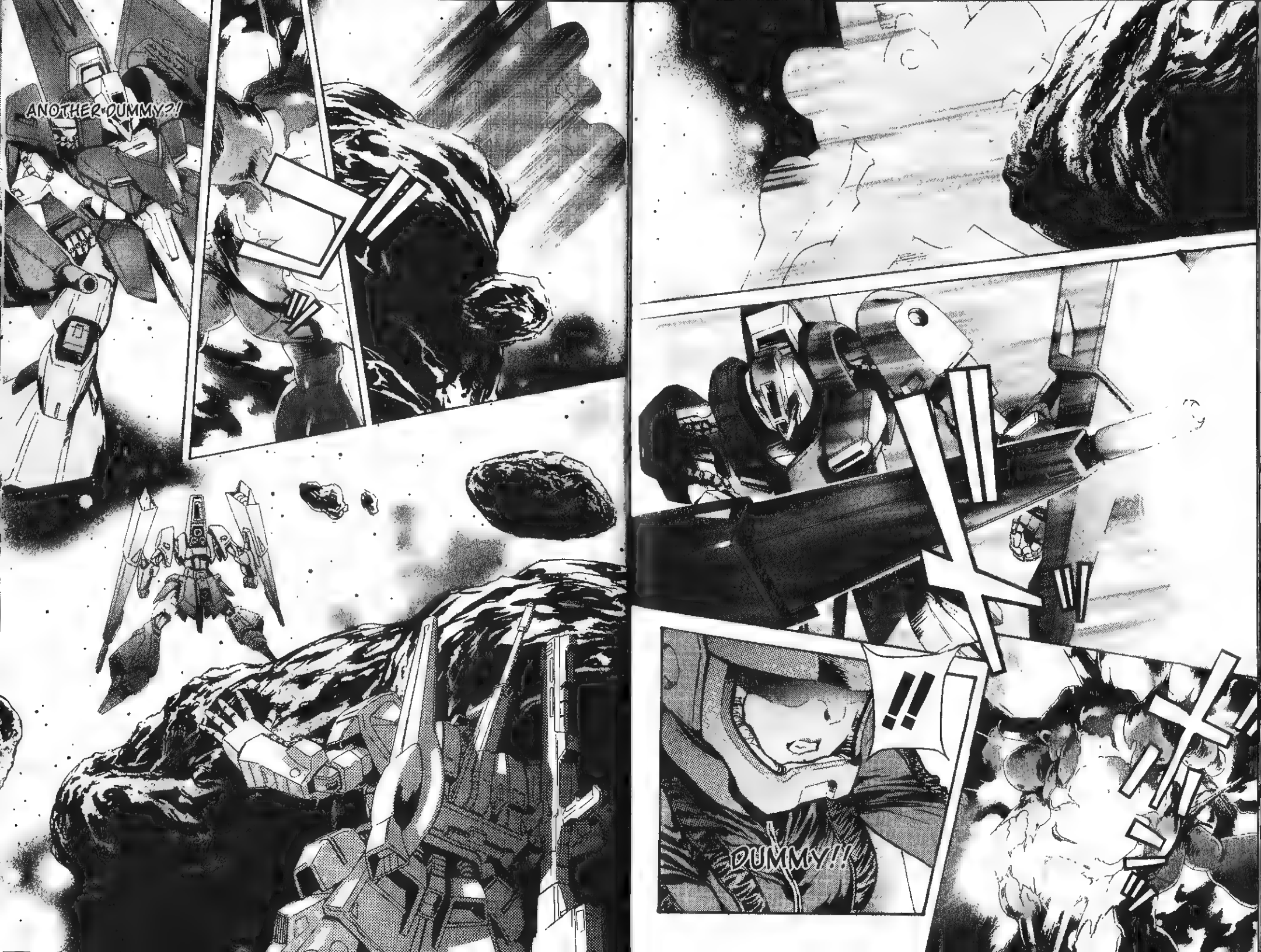
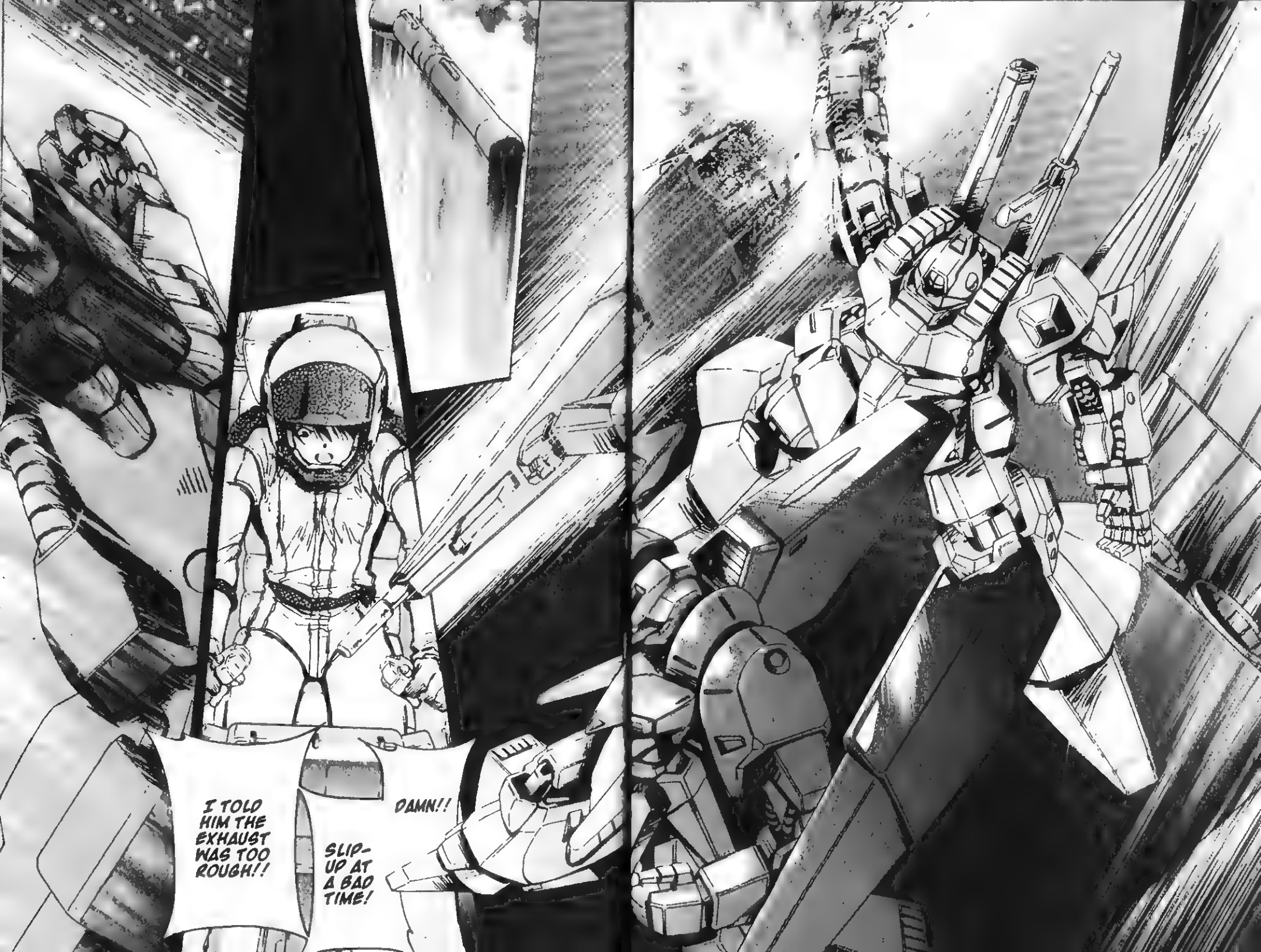

ANOTHER DUMMY?!
!!
DUMMY!!

YOUR BACK'S MINE!!


I TOLD HIM THE EXHAUST WAS TOO ROUGH!!
SLIP-UP AT A BAD TIME!
DAMN!!

THIS PRESENCE...!!
...THAT VOICE?!
AN ATTACK PLAN LIKE THAT, TAKING ME DOWN?!

SUCH GALLANT -RY!!
SO THE GODS HAVE ...
...NOT FOR-SAKEN YOU AFTER ALL...

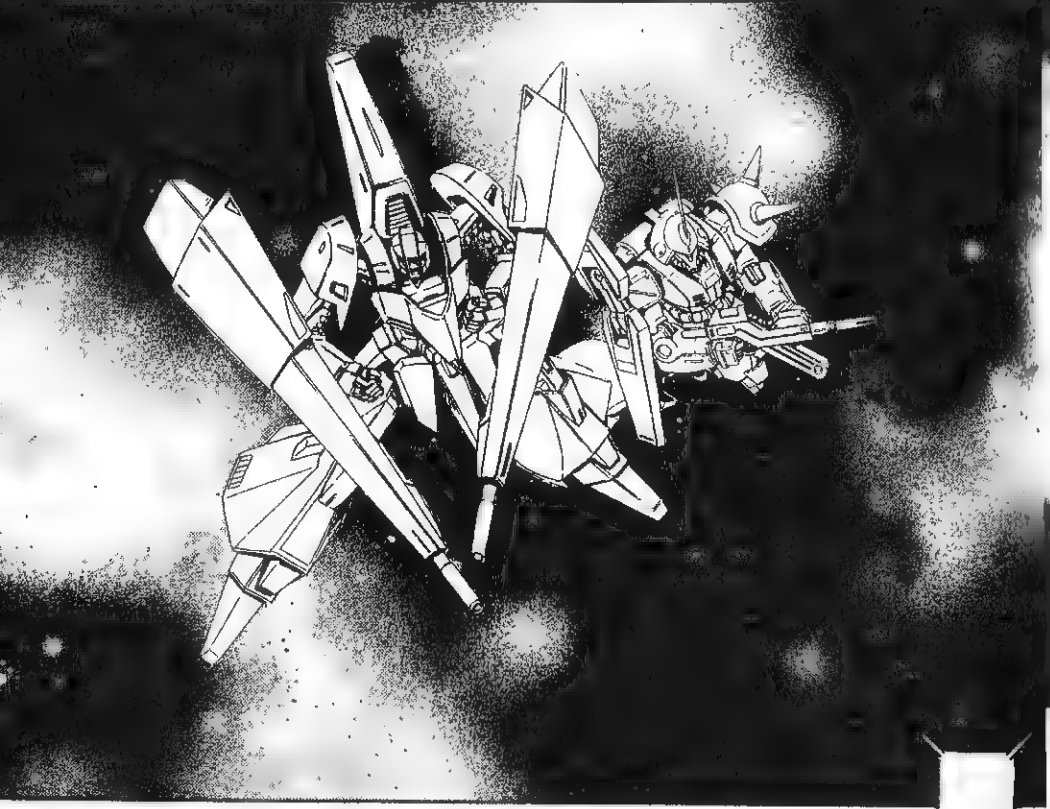
ERISIA!!!
ASUNA ELMARIT!!!

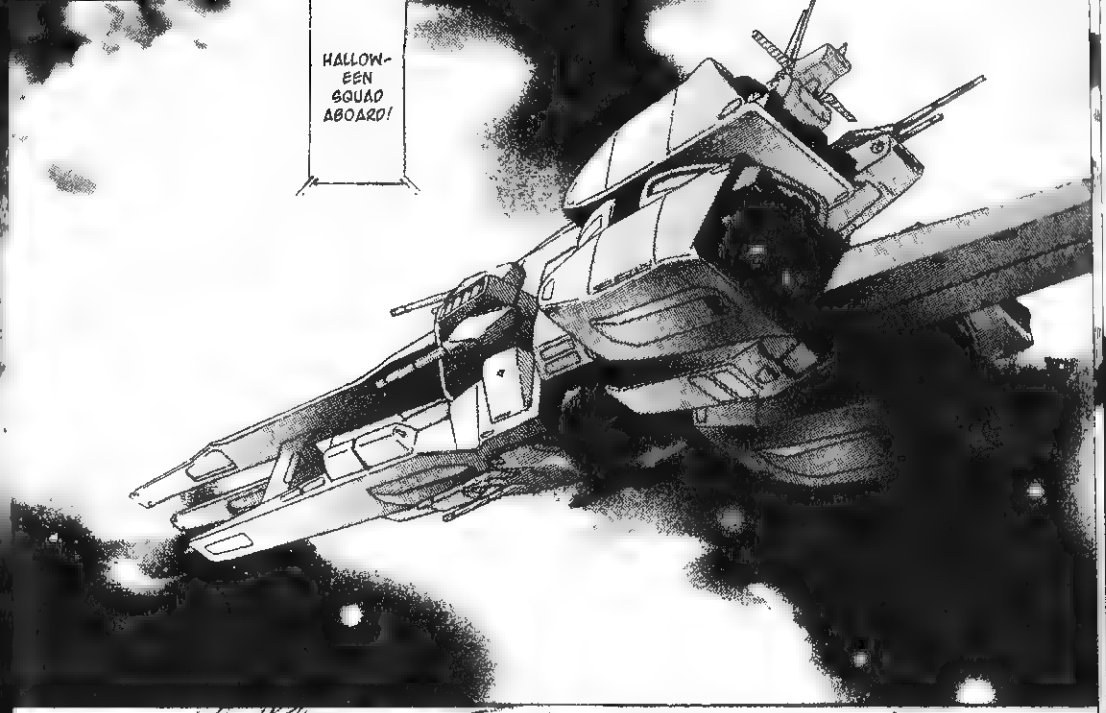
THERE!!
POORLY DRESSED FOR A...
...CLASS REUNION, AREN'T YOU?!
I'M NOT DONE!!

THIS IS PAYBACK FOR BACK THEN!!
PAYBACK?!
NOT SHOOTING...!!

!!

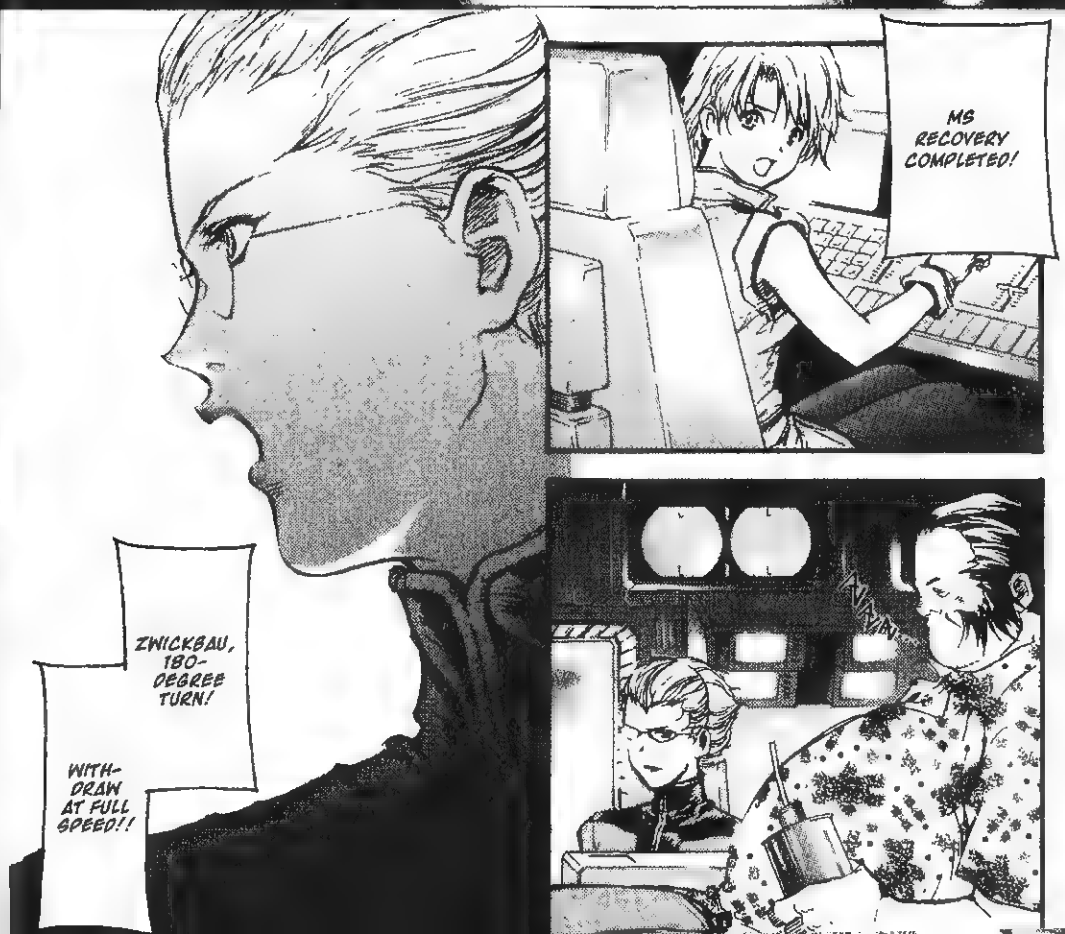
SHRIMP!!
ASUNA!!
EJECT!!



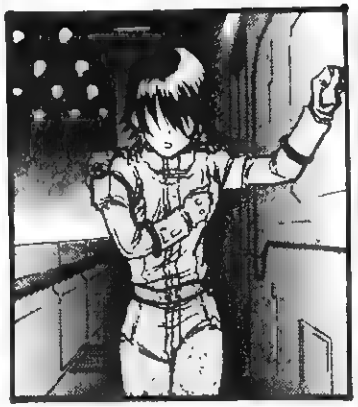

HALLOW-
EEN
SQUAD
ABOARD!

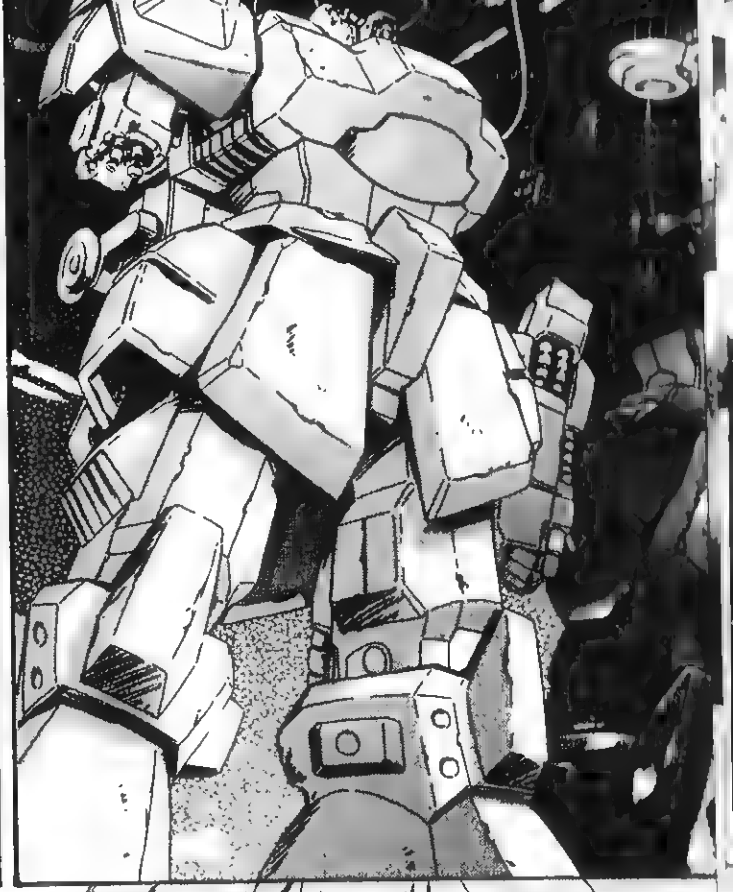
ERIGIA,
RETURN
...TO SHIP.
ROGER!
...I SHOOT.....!!

NEXT TIME...


MS
RECOVERY
COMPLETED!
ZWICKBAU,
180-
DEGREE
TURN!
WITH-
DRAW
AT FULL
SPEED!!
AAAH!

U.C.0085--2 YEARS AGO





TOTAL DEFEAT...!!

PAYBACK FOR BACK THEN...?
THIS IS SEVERAL TIMES OVER...
?!
AGUNA!
BURGER!!
Mmm...
IT WAS JUST ONE MATCH WHERE...
...I'D LOCKED ON TO ERISIA...
S-SABER!!
?!

SHE DIDN'T...
....SHOOT ...?
Here ya go!
BUT SHE DID SHOOT DOWN THE SAT...
EASTER SQUAD... AND MR. GORRO TOO, EVEN...
I CAN'T JUST LET THIS GO...!!
AN OLD CLASSMATE, YOU SAID?

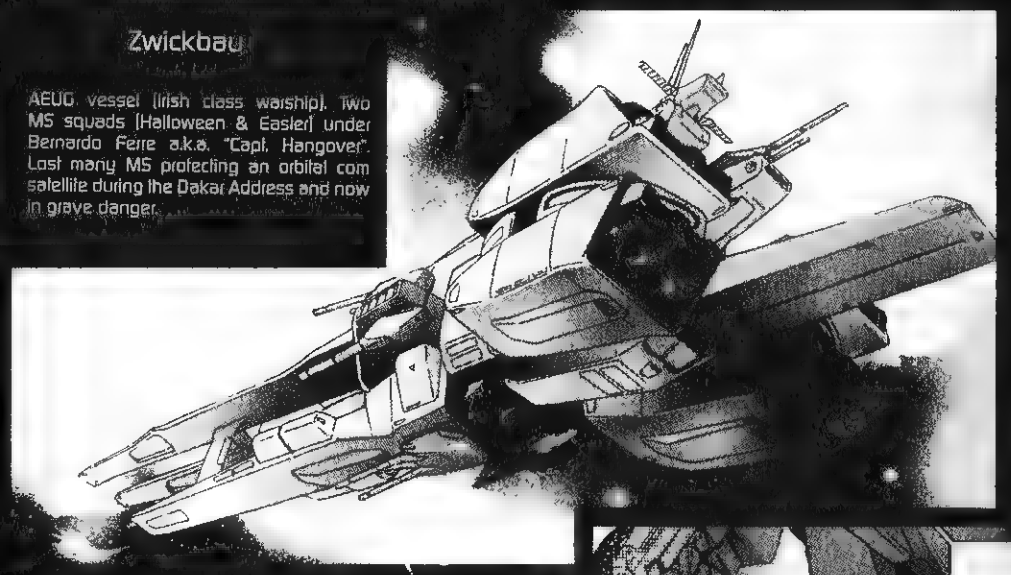
...LOVE THE VIEW DOWN LOW!
THEY SURE.
NT'S MADE WITH DRUGS AND BRAINWASH-ING, HUH?
...HAS A BOOSTED UMAN PILOT ABOARD.
SO THERE'S NO MISTAKE. THE ENEMY...
END OF REPORT.
IT'S AS IF...
YES.
THOSE MOVEMENTS WEREN'T NORMAL.
IF WE DON'T RE-SUPPLY AND PICK IT UP SOON...
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE ORDERED TO PURSUE US.
..BE FUN!
THAT'S GONNA.
Hic

ALEXANDRIA-CLASS CRUISER AL QAQL
ASUNA EL'MARIT!!
...YOU GAY?!
ASUNA ...
!!
SURELY YOU'RE NOT TAKING PITY?
JUST REPAYING A DEBT TO...
...THAT MS' PILOT...
WHY DIDN'T YOU FINISH IT?
ASUNA

MECHANIC FILE

Zwickbau

AEUG vessel (Irish class warship). Two MS squads (Halloween & Easter) under Bernardo Ferre a.k.a. "Capt. Hangover". Last many MS protecting an orbital com satellite during the Dakar Address and now in grave danger.



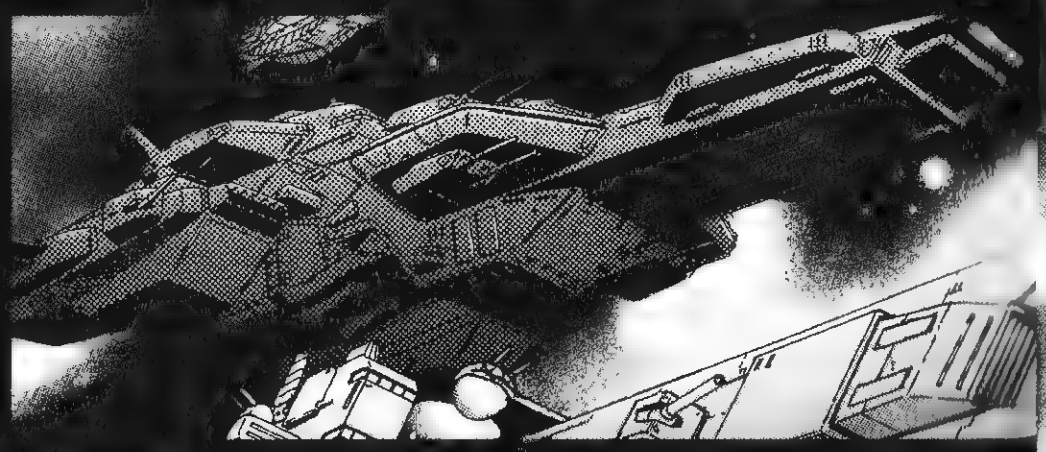
Asuna, assigned to Halloween Squad.

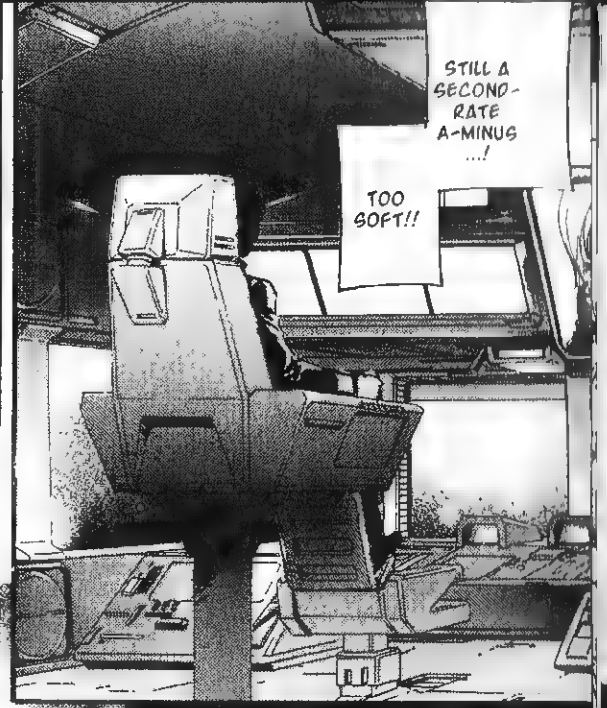
Jack Bayard, commanding the Zwickbau's MS force. Heads Halloween Squad.

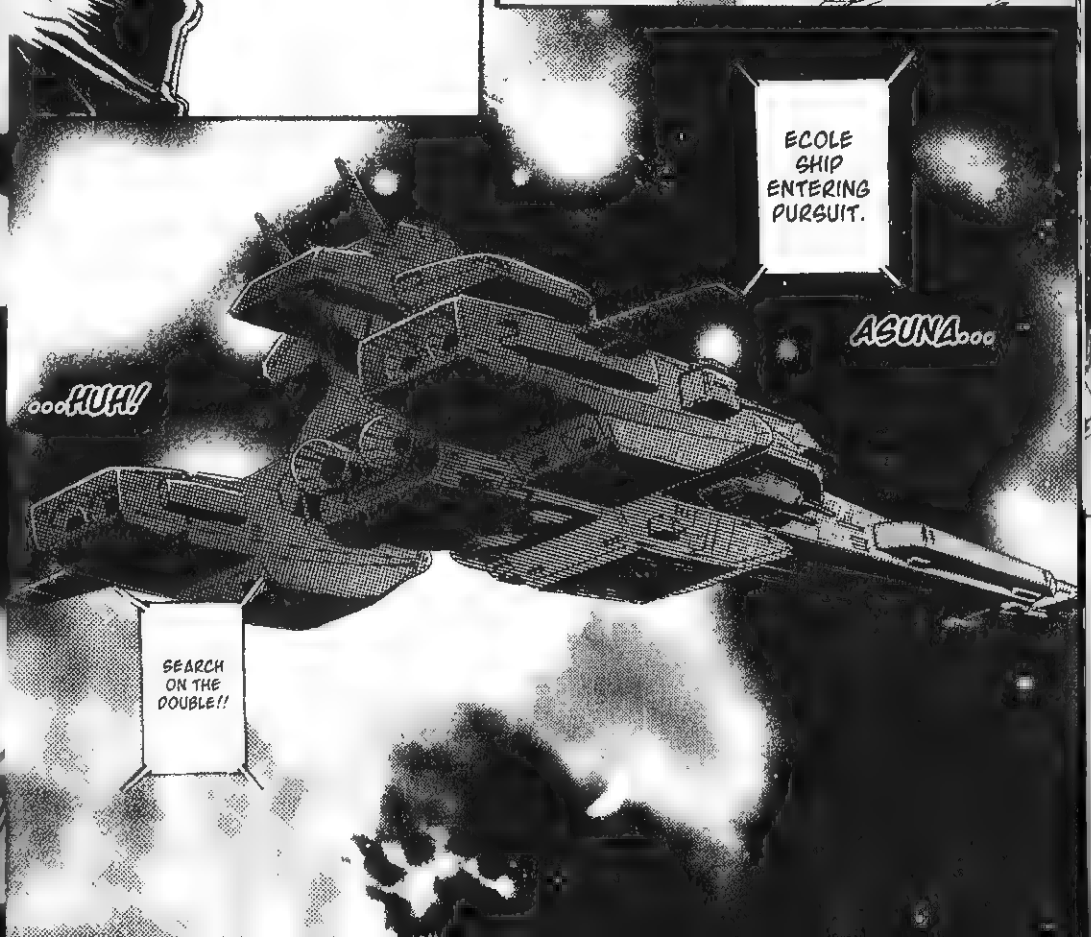
MECHANIC FILE

Al Qasi

Titans vessel (Alexandria-class cruiser). Captain is Forma Guardner, "Committee" member. Ensia, now a Boosted Human, and Yahagi, former Newtype, serve aboard. At sail with two Improved Salamis class escorts.







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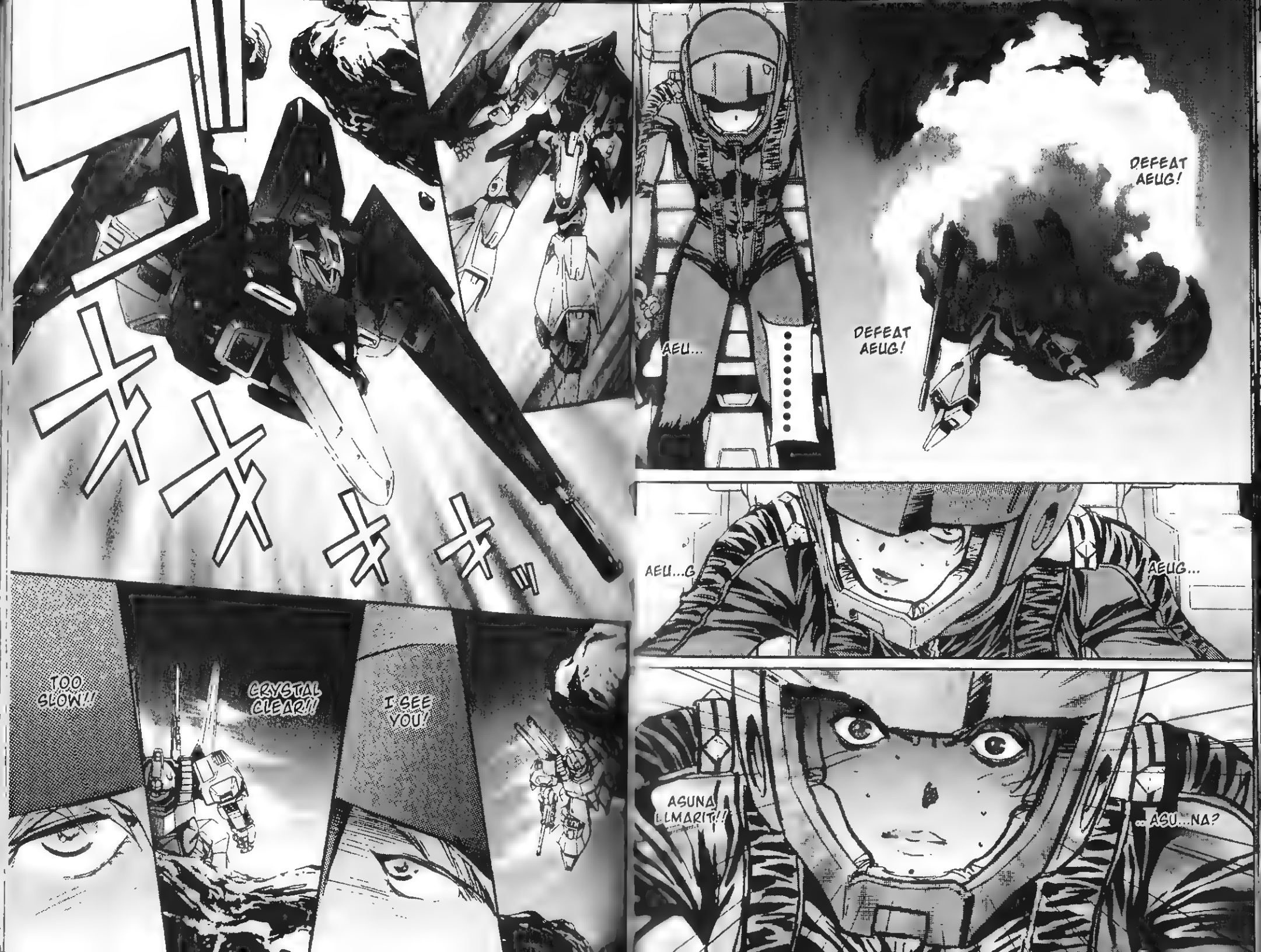
?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ERISIA?!
IF YOU DON'T TAKE AEUG DOWN...
...YOUR FRIENDS WILL DIE!!
ALARM
!!
ARICK DIAS?!
HMPH...
ASUNA ELMARIT!!

BE-CAUSE YOU'RE ...
...A COWARD, ERISIA!
A BEAUTIFUL LADY...
...ALWAYS FIRST IN GRADES...
...NEVER LOSING TO ANYONE FOR ANYTHING.
BUT THAT'S ARMOR YOU USE TO...
...PRO-TECT YOUR-SELF.
THAT'S ...
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME ANY-ONE'S
...SAID THAT, SHIN

WHAT IS IT, ERISIA?
?!
HIT!
IF YOU MEANDER AROUND...
...MORE PRECIOUS CLASSMATES SHALL DIE!!
SHIN?!


TOO SLOW!!
CRYSTAL CLEAR!!
I SEE YOU!
AEU...
DEFEAT AEUG!
DEFEAT AEUG!
AEU...G
...AEUG...
ASUNA! ILMARI!!
...ASU...NA?

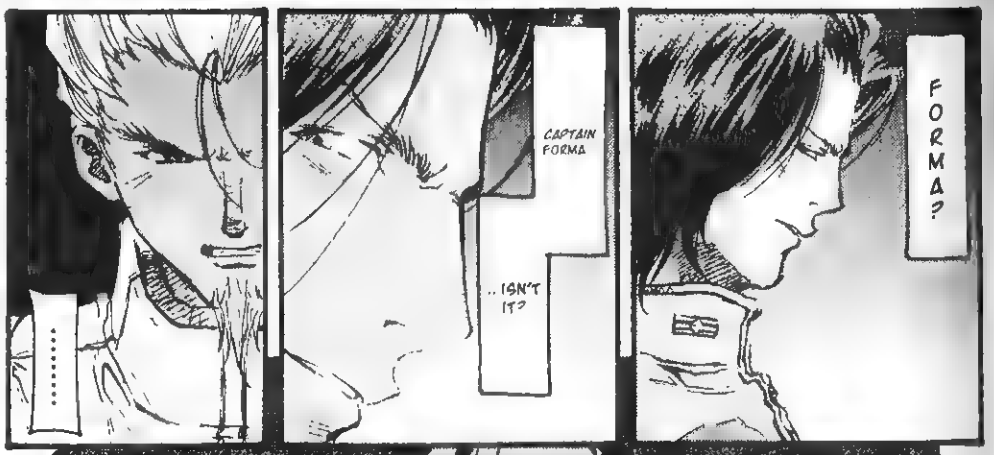
HMPH!

SHE'S USEABLE.
13 STRAIGHT WINS....
ADDING THE BURDEN OF LOSING FRIENDS BEFORE HER...
YOU SAID SHE HAS ENMITY, OR RATHER ..
...A COMPLEX TOWARD "ASUNA"?
NOT WORRIED ABOUT PERSONALITY LOSS?
BOOSTED HUMAN, YES?
...SHE'S RATHER WELL ADJUSTED FOR A..
THAT'S A LUXURY!
PERSONALITY?

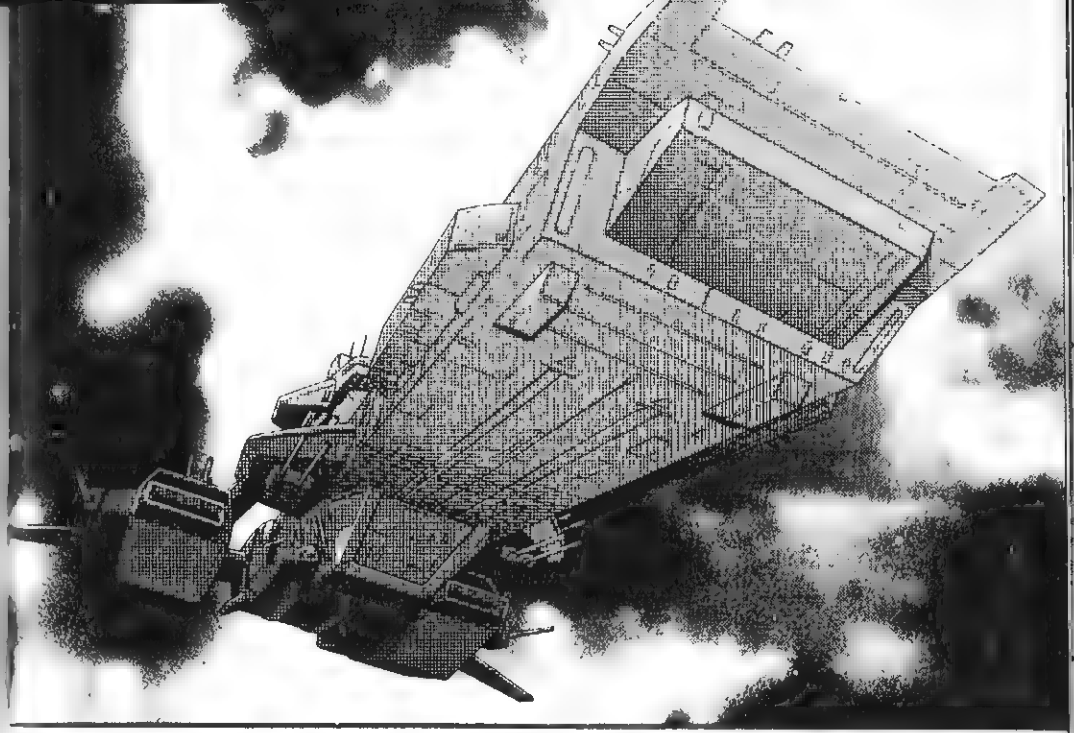
13th MISSION
ENEMY-LOST
INNER:ERISIA NOCTON

NO... NO NO NO NO...
BOOSTED HUMAN... HUH.
.....
DEFEATING ASUNA WILL SET ME FREE!
ERISIA!
FIGHTING ASUNA ISN'T TOO MUCH FOR YOU?
?
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND, DO YOU?

WHY YOU ...!
FORMA!
THAT'S WHY YOU BABY-SIT KIDS WHEREVER YOU GO!


.....
CAPTAIN FORMA
.. ISN'T IT?
FORMA?

SQUAD LEADER YAHAGI.



IS SHE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?

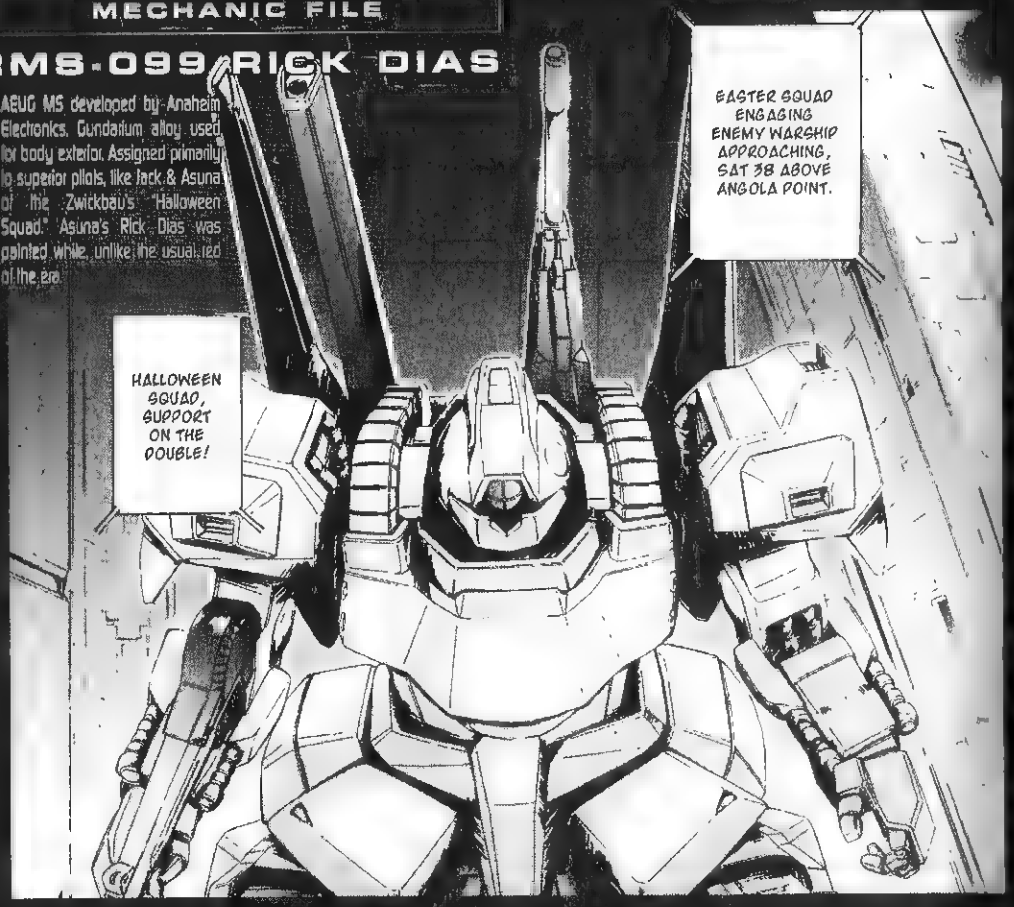
WORRIED, EX-INSTRUCTOR?

SUCH ARE THE "STRINGS ATTACHED."

MECHANIC FILE

RMS-099 RICK DIAS

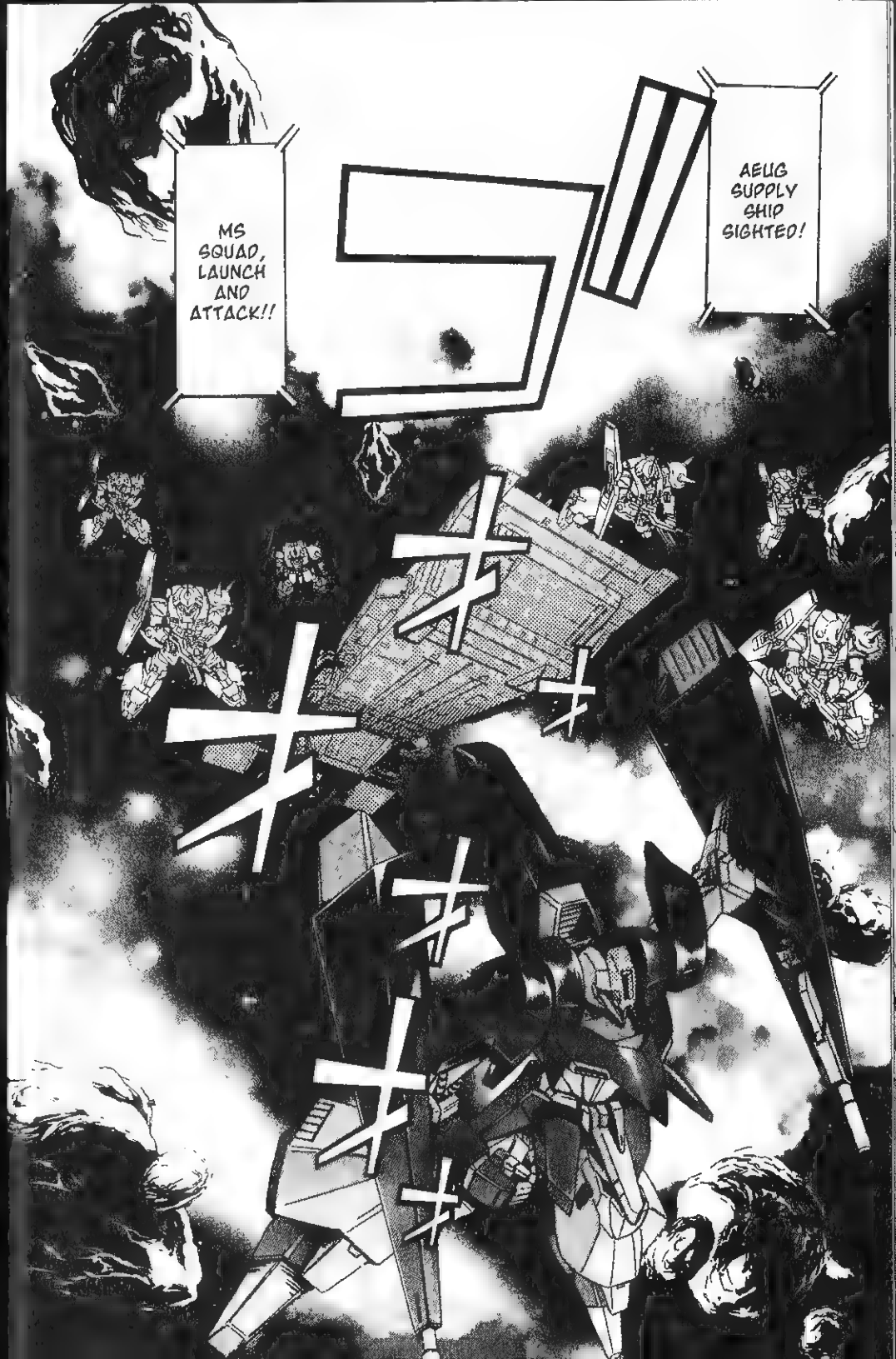
AEUG MS developed by Anaheim Electronics. Gundalium alloy used for body exterior. Assigned primarily to superior pilots, like Jack & Asuna of the Zwickbau's "Halloween Squad." Asuna's Rick Dias was painted white, unlike the usual red of the era.

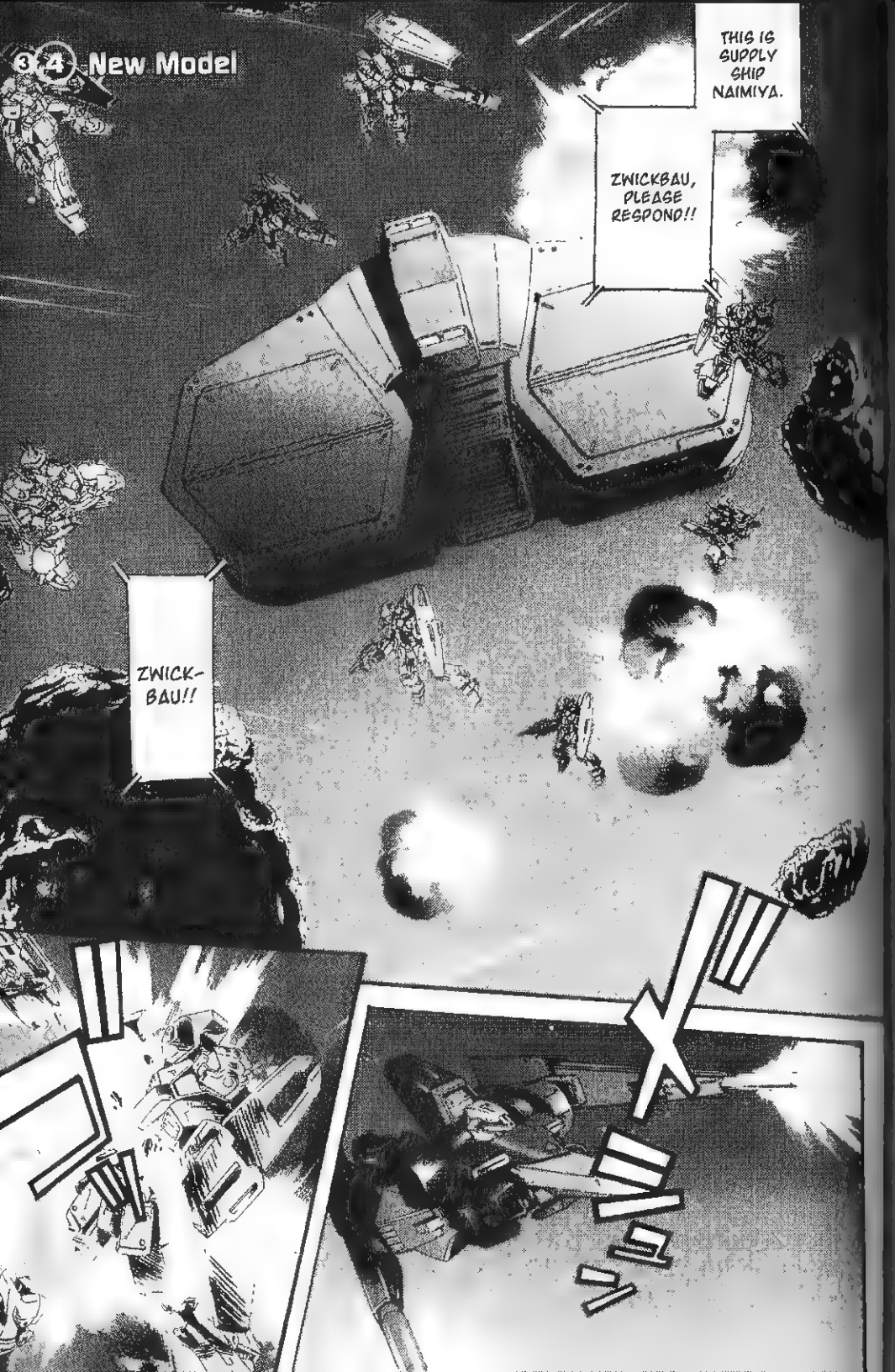


MECHANIC FILE

ORX-005 GAPLANT

Prototype transformable MA developed by the Oakland Newtype Laboratory. Arms double as beam cannons and thrusters, making tricky movements possible, but very difficult except for Boosted Humans with the endurance to handle sudden shifts in momentum. Piloted by Erisia Nocton.





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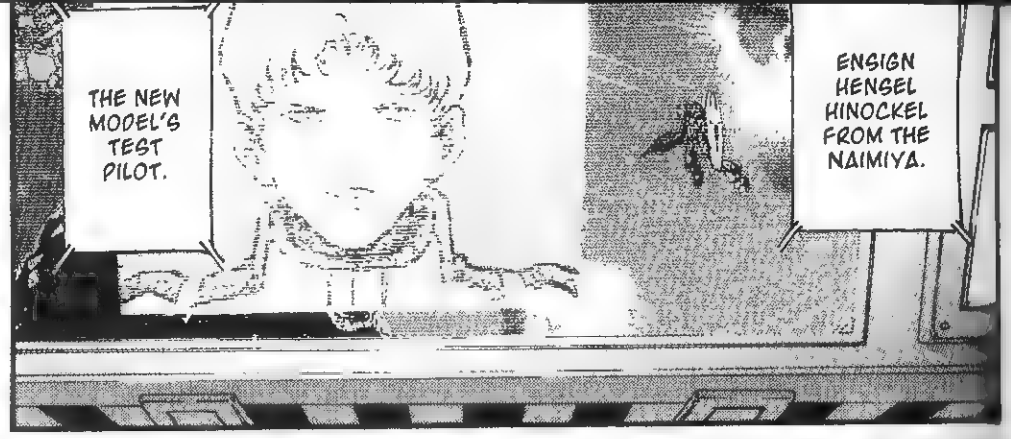
LT BAYARD
CAN WE SUPPORT THE NAIMIYA!?
S.O.S. FROM SUPPLY SHIP "NAIMIYA"!!
GOO, DON'T SAY THAT!!
OUR SHIP'S ENGAGED IN COMBAT, TOO!!
MESSAGE: "ENGAGED BY ENEMY MS SQUAD. SEND URGENT ASSISTANCE"!!
IT BE DESTROYED, NOT HERE ..!!
UGH!
WE CAN'T LET...

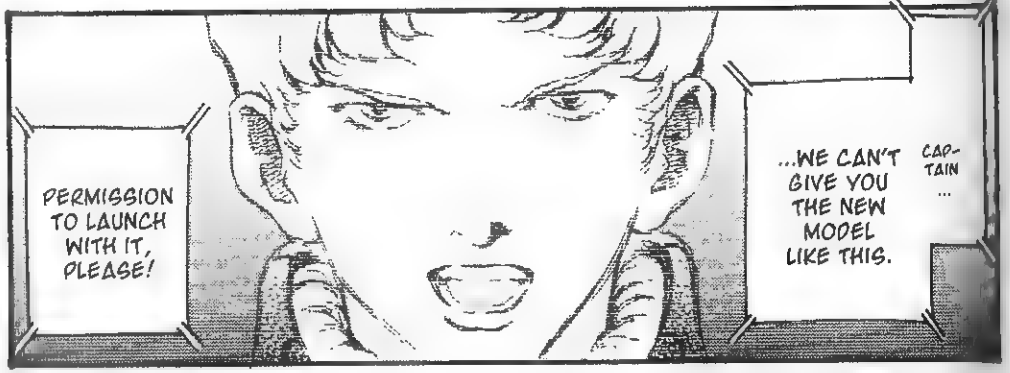
CAP-TAIN
AT THIS RATE ...
WE CAN'T RE-SUPPLY IF WE'RE DEAD!!
CHRISTMAS SQUAD, LT. KENTSU, COMING ABOARD.
.....
DAMMIT!! THE SUPPLY SHIP BEFORE OUR EYES...
AT THIS RATE, WE... AND THE SUPPLY SHIP...
WE'RE ATEA STANDSTILL...!!!
...WILL SINK!!

YOU CAN'T LAUNCH IN THAT THING!!
THE PISTOL'S ON THE BACK! I'LL MANAGE!!
HEY, STOP TALKING CRAZY--!!
YOU SERIOUS?!
ROGER!!
...I'LL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU OUT!!
WANNA DIE THAT BAD?! GET THE CAPTAIN'S PERMISSION, AND...
IDIOT...
HEH HEH.
COME-OUT SOON...
...ASUNA!
SHRIMP...

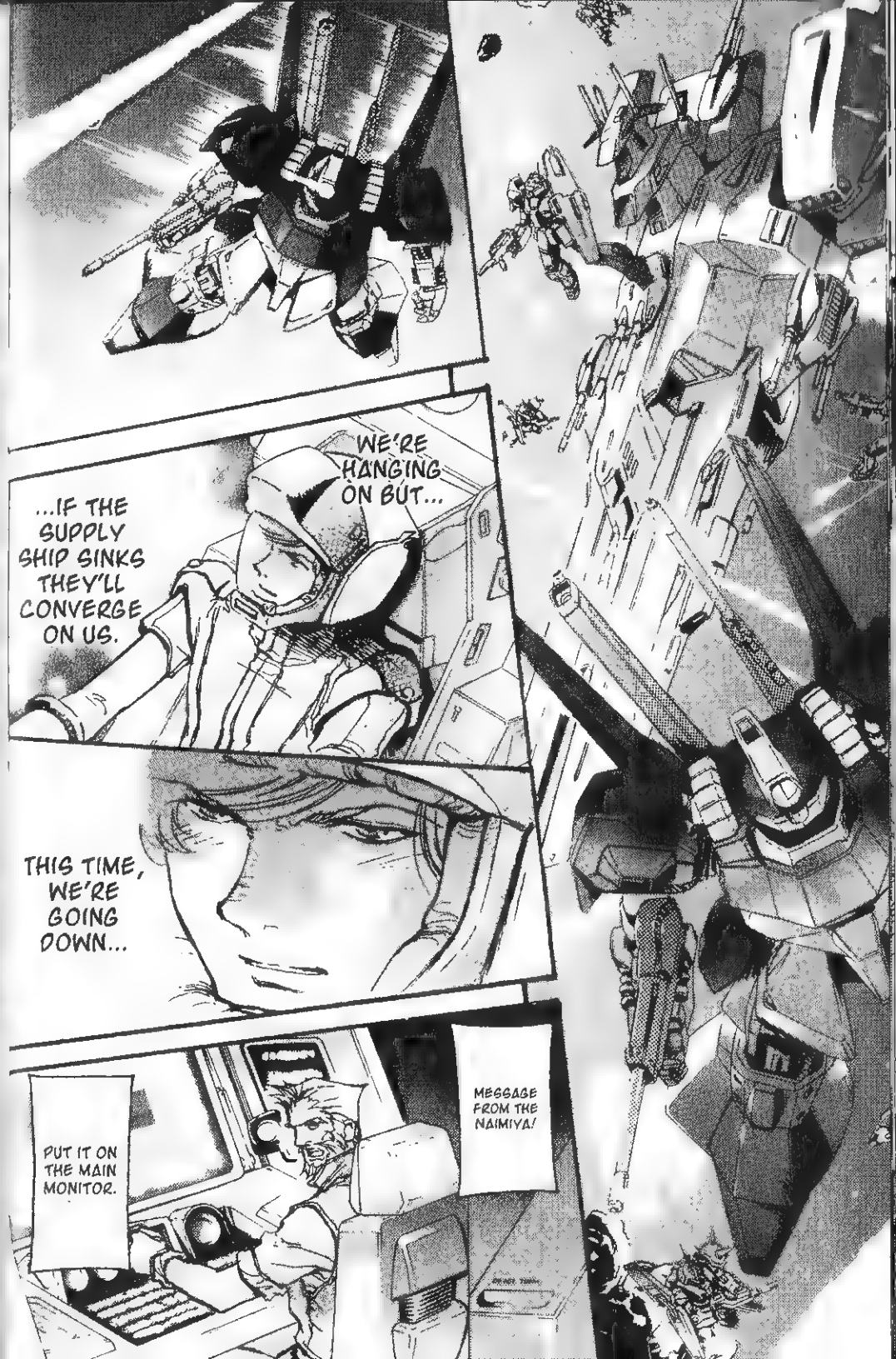

THE NEW MODEL'S TEST PILOT.
ENSIGN HENSEL HINOCKEL FROM THE NAIMIYA.

Stiffen

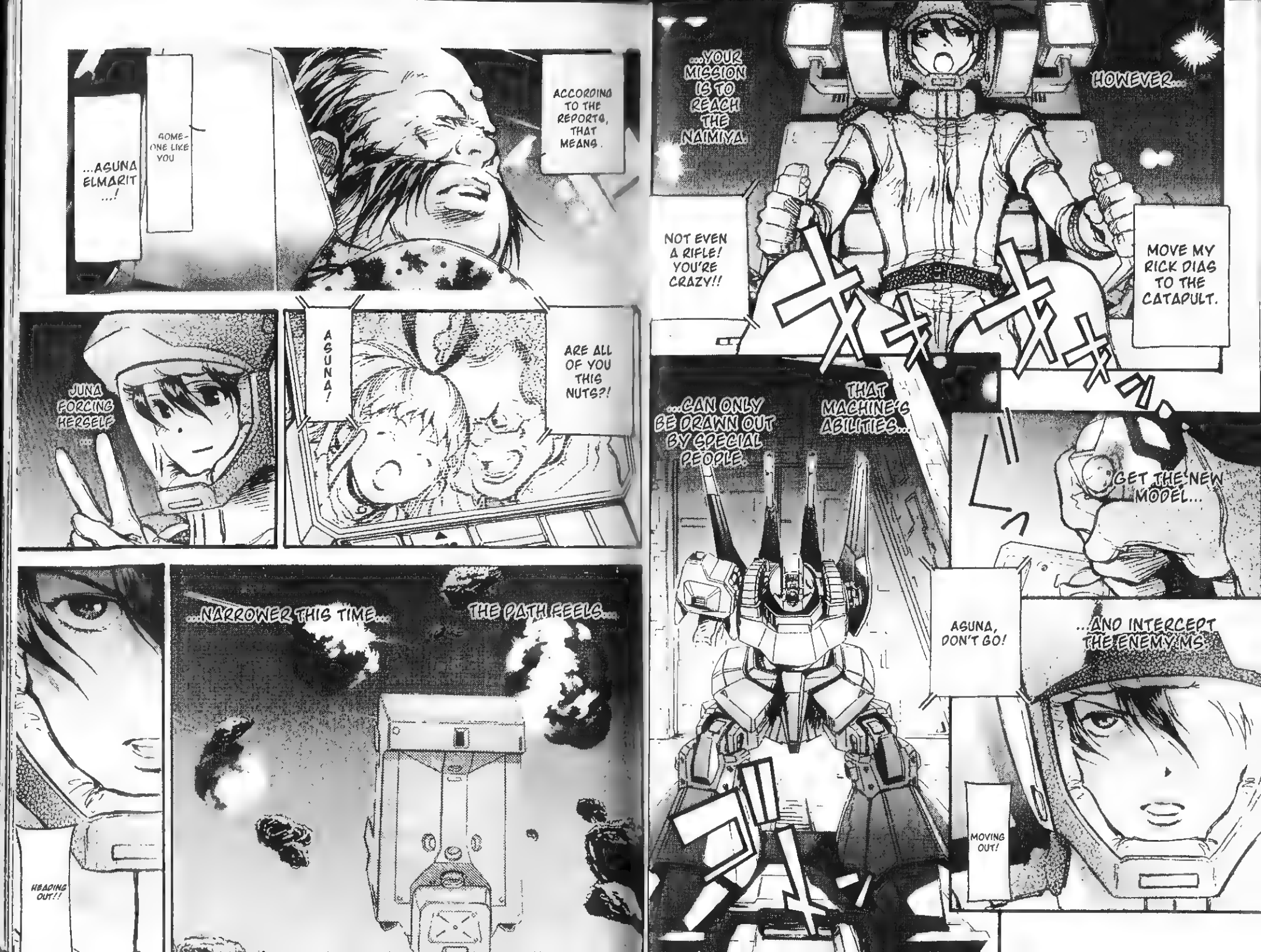
NEW MODEL...?

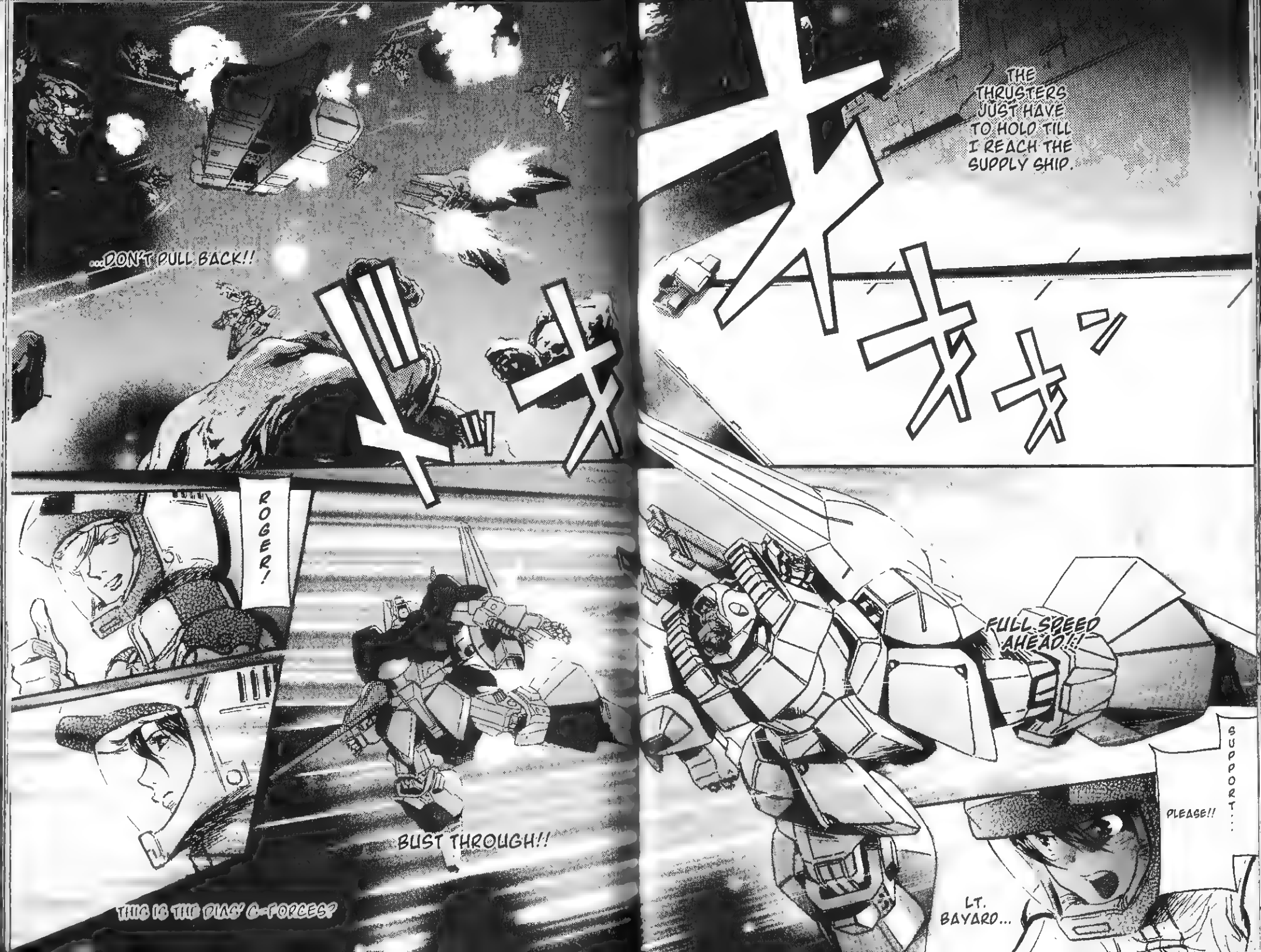

PERMISSION TO LAUNCH WITH IT, PLEASE!
...WE CAN'T GIVE YOU THE NEW MODEL LIKE THIS.
CAP-TAIN ...

...I CANNOT GIVE...
THAT...

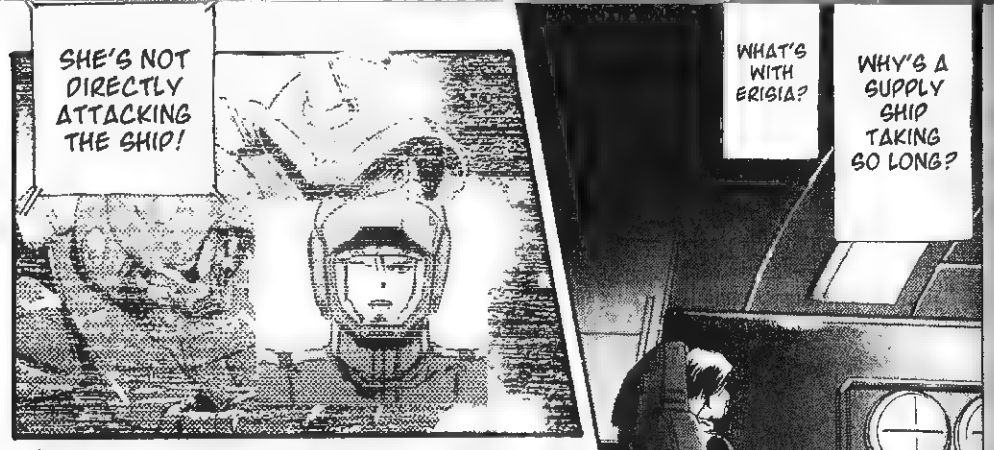

...IF THE SUPPLY SHIP SINKS THEY'LL CONVERGE ON US.
WE'RE HANGING ON BUT...
THIS TIME, WE'RE GOING DOWN...
PUT IT ON THE MAIN MONITOR.
MESSAGE FROM THE NAIMIYA!

THAT'S CRAZY!
YOUR DIAS...
...HAS BOTH ARMS BLOWN OFF!
HAVEN'T ALL MS LAUNCHED?
LAUNCH!
NO!
THERE'S STILL MY DIAS!
ERISIA?!
THE...
...FAST ONE?
IF WE TAKE DOWN THE FAST ONE...
...YOU CAN RE-SUPPLY AT LEAST!
KKR.
CAP-TAIN!
YOUR DE-CI-SION!
WE CAN'T HOLD OUT WITH THESE FORCES.
HE DOES HAVE A POINT.
CAPTAIN!!
IT'S RECK-LESS.
AT LEAST GIVE ENSIGN HENSEL P--
ASUNA ELMARIT, PERMIS-SION TO LAUNCH.
HOW-EVER
GRANTED.
PER-MIS-SION TO LNCH.
GIVE ME ...

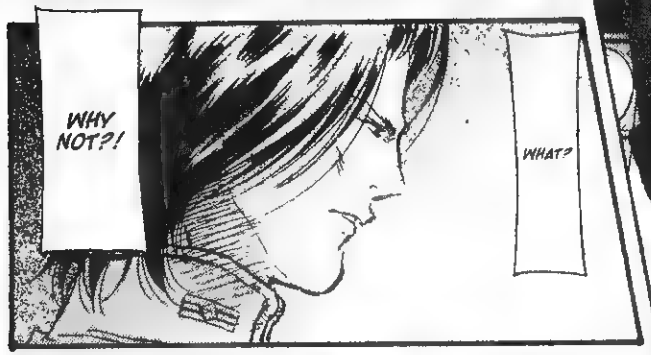

...ASUNA ELMARIT ...!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU
ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, THAT MEANS.
JUNA FORCING HERSELF ...
ASUNA!
ARE ALL OF YOU THIS NUTS?!
HEADING OUT!!
...NARROWER THIS TIME...
THE PATH FEELS...
...YOUR MISSION IS TO REACH THE NAIMIYA.
HOWEVER...
NOT EVEN A RIFLE! YOU'RE CRAZY!!
MOVE MY RICK DIAS TO THE CATAPULT.
...CAN ONLY BE DRAWN OUT BY SPECIAL PEOPLE.
THAT MACHINE'S ABILITIES...
GET THE NEW MODEL...
ASUNA, DON'T GO!
...AND INTERCEPT THE ENEMY MS.
MOVING OUT!


THE THRUSTERS JUST HAVE TO HOLD TILL I REACH THE SUPPLY SHIP.
...DON'T PULL BACK!!
ROGER!
BUST THROUGH!!
THIS IS THE DIAS' G-FORCES?
FULL SPEED AHEAD!!
SUPPORT...
PLEASE!!
LT. BAYARO...

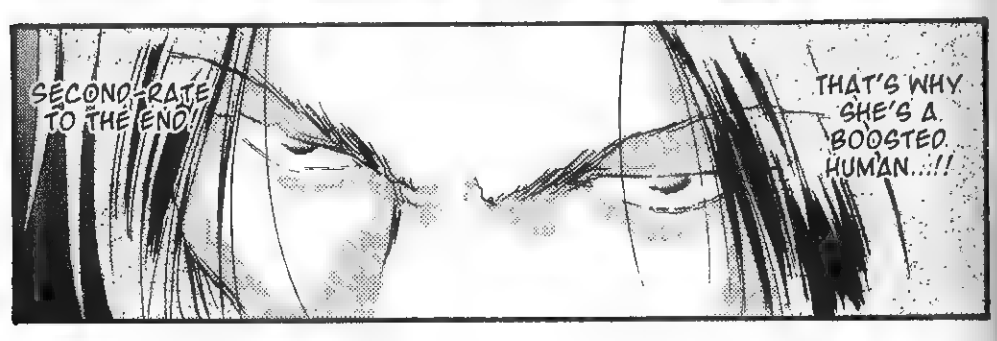
...YOU AGREE WITH THIS?
WE SHOULDN'T BE COMPLAINING.
THIS IS THE RIGHT CALL.
DAMN!
WHAT'S THE ZWICKBAU THINKING!
CAP, SQUAD NUMBER 2 WIPED OUT!
...."LE CYGNE" IS A REFLECTION OF ASUNA'S DATA.
AS AN ENGINEER, I CAN SAY THIS MUCH...
"LE CYGNE'S" PILOT SEEMS TO BE HEADED THIS WAY.
WHAT'S WITH THE PORT BARRAGE?!
SEND MORE PEOPLE!


SHE'S NOT DIRECTLY ATTACKING THE SHIP!

WHAT'S WITH ERISIA?
WHY'S A SUPPLY SHIP TAKING SO LONG?


WHY NOT?!
WHAT?

THAT WAS HER ASSIGNED TARGET...!!
WE HAVEN'T BEEN RESUPPLIED EITHER.

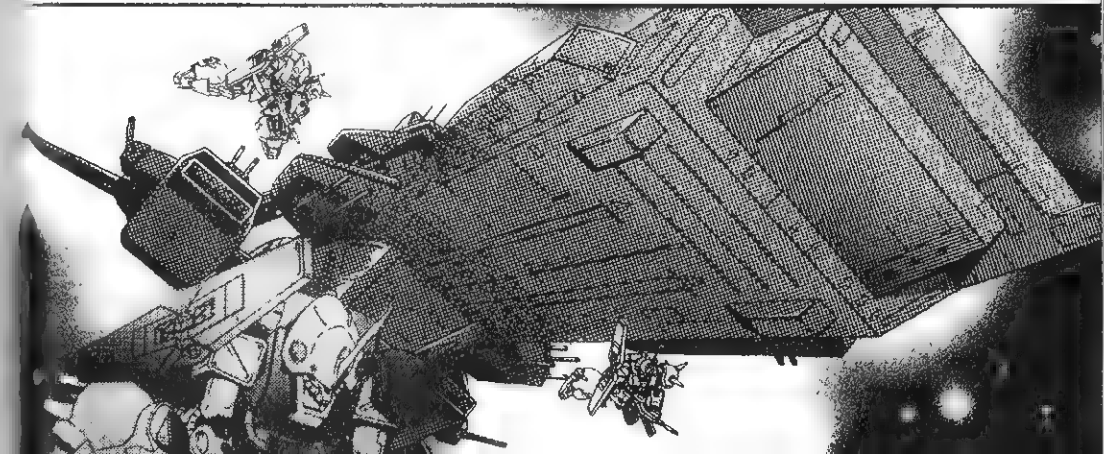

SECOND-RATE TO THE END!
THAT'S WHY SHE'S A BOOSTED HUMAN...!!

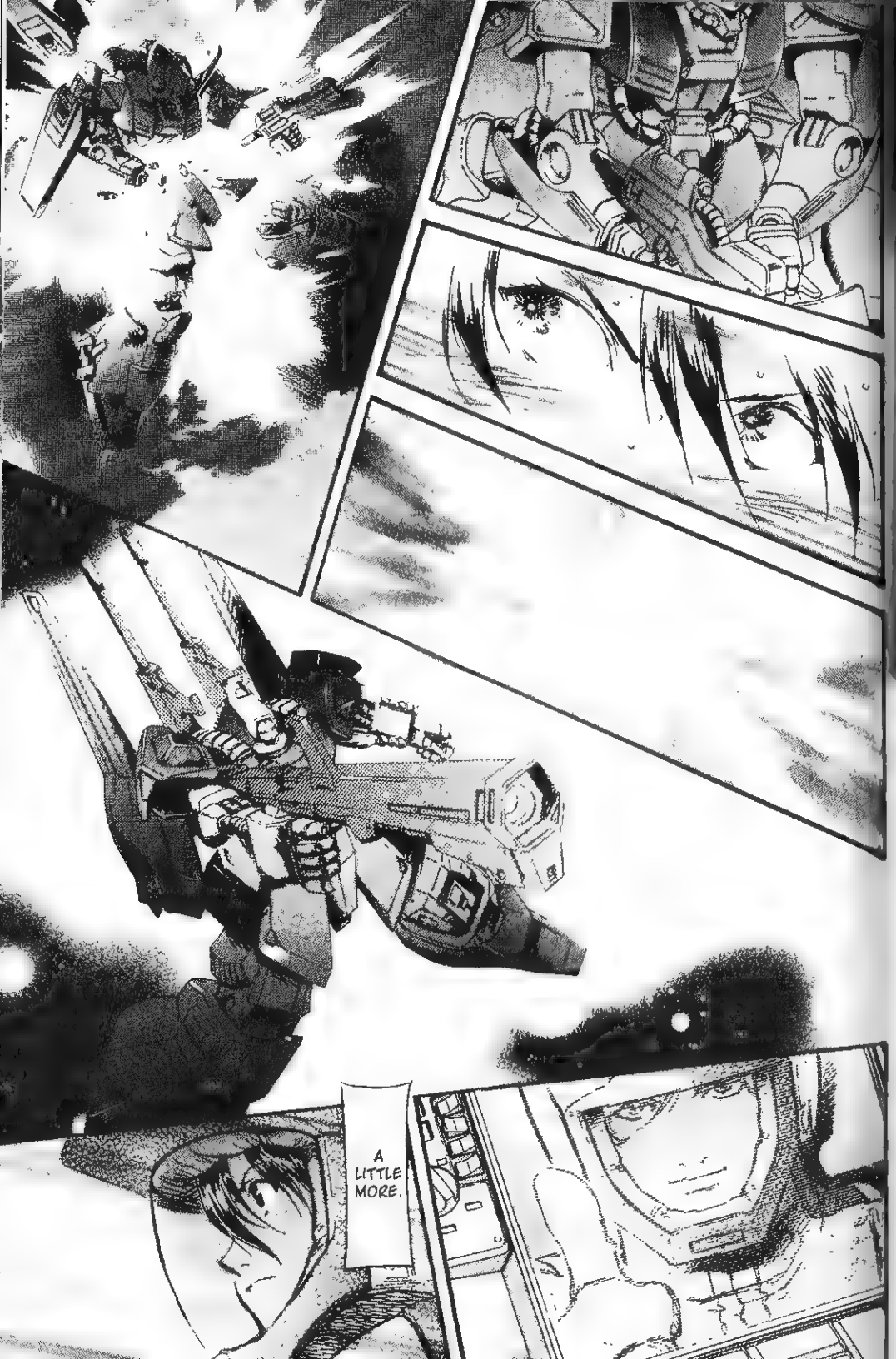
FIRE ON MS DECK!!

GUESS I HAVE TO.

HENGEL, YOU HELP, TOO!
I'LL PUT IT OUT.

PUT IT OUT!
WE HAVE TO GET IT TO THEM!




A LITTLE MORE.

TCH!!

ASUNA ELMARIT!!
ASUNA ...
!!

SUPPLY SHIP "NAIMIYA"!
PERMISSION TO LAND.
THIS IS...
QUITE SOME THING...!!
SHE GOT HERE IN THAT MS?
ENEMY UNIT INCOMING FAST!!
!!

More precious classmates will die!!
...your friends will die!!
If you don't take AEUG down...
AGUNA UNIT STRUCK!!
THAT SHIP... FRIENDS WILL...?!
THAT... SHIP...
ASUNA...
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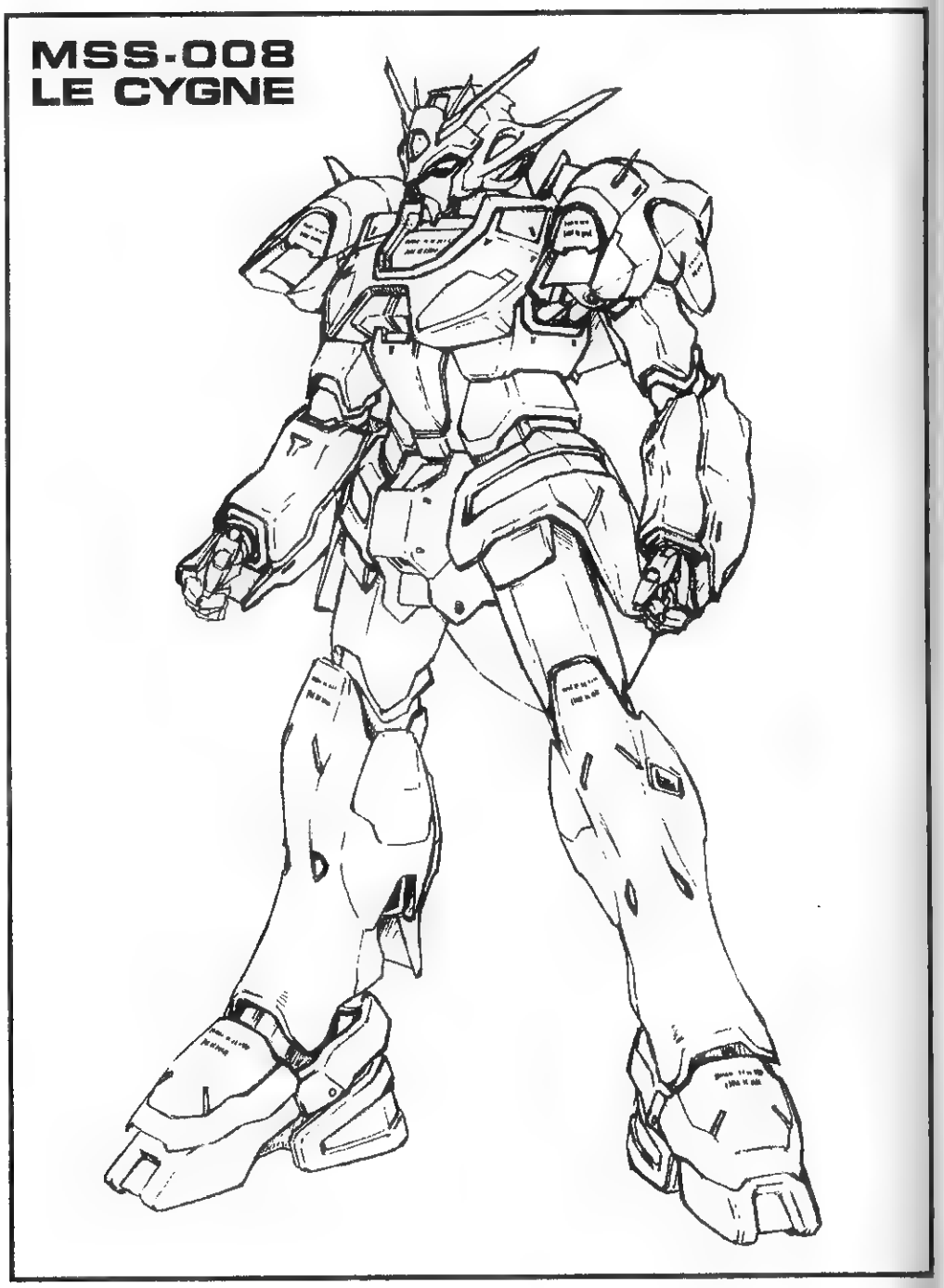


Design Concept of Le Cygne

[Sayama] The concept was, "How much of the Gundam-looking components can we remove?" My own design theme is "a design with motion," but I pondered over and over whether my design could display emotion and still have a useable layout. Later, I emulated where I had to.

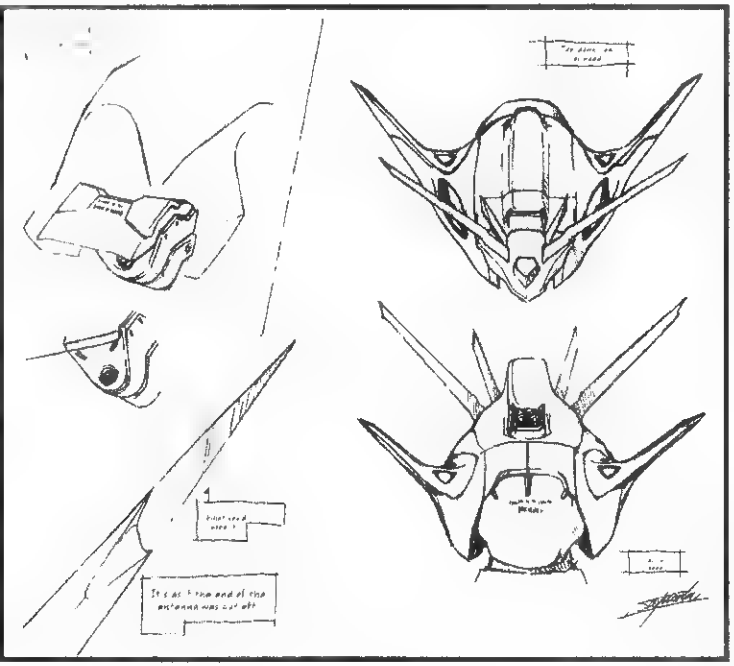
By "emulate," you mean MS designs like the NT-1 and those built in the interim of the 0083 and Zeta periods?

[Sayama] My starting point was different, I think. Instead of losing my identity by following everyone else, I looked things over and went, "Ah, this is a Sayama-ish design!" and used elements in my work. There were times when people went, "Hey, this has been used before," and so on. (^_^)

--So how did it work?

[Sayama] For example, Le Cygne's shoulder parts look like something out of "The Mars Daybreak: Glorious Dancing Competition's" The Hope (*1); that's on purpose. You see, Le Cygne's shoulders extend forward, not to the side like quite a few Gundam-type MS. Really, the Methuss is about the only MS in the Gundam setting that has forward extending shoulders. Since there's a lot of design limitations, making it difficult not to tread down the same paths, I hate to waste a good opportunity to give something a special flavor all its own.

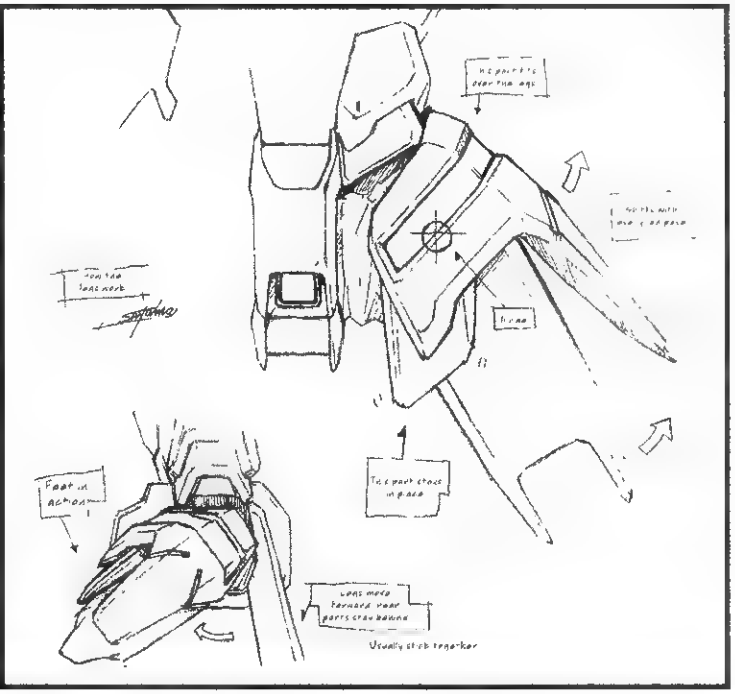
* Note 1: The Mars Daybreak: Glorious Dancing Festival is an SF anime (26 episodes) set on Mars that aired in 2004 on Tokyo TV. Mr. Sayama was responsible for Round Vernier design, including that of "The Hope" mecha of the main character, Grim Reaper.



[Sayama] No lacquer for the blue's original color and the photo-cinematic chroma removed from various others. So, middle of the road colors that are easy on the eyes rather than the hard, glossy "Gundam colors" that many of them have.

So, it gently occupies the middle ground, just like how it borrows a little from other Gundams from different MS design generations. I used white as the base and allotted the other colors from there.

--I see.



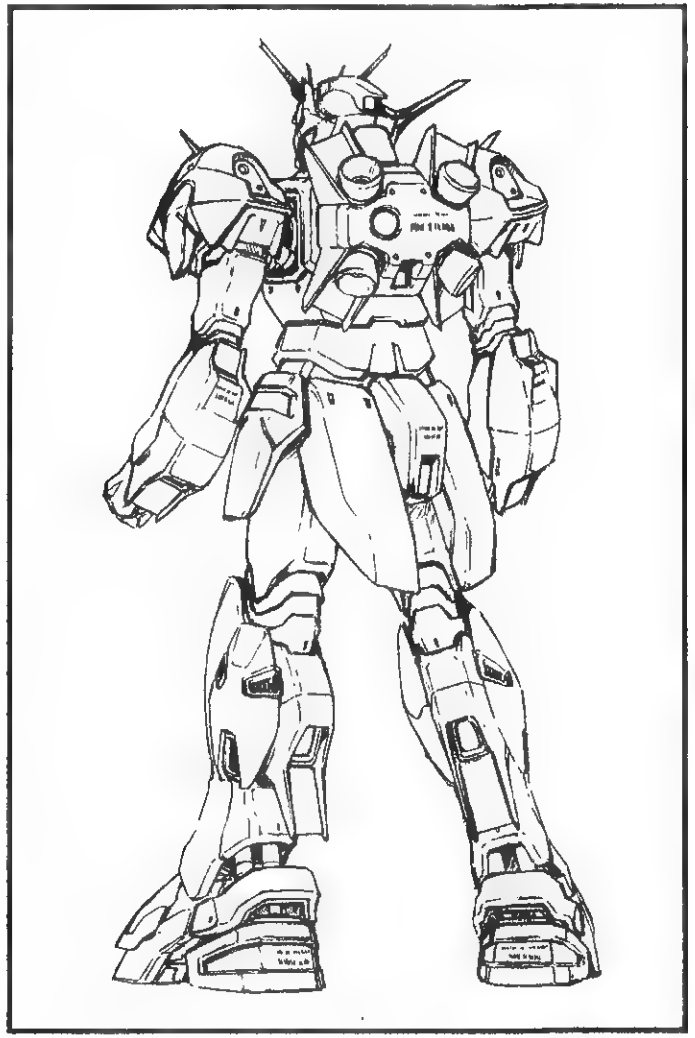
[Sayama] For the other colors, since Le Cygne is an MS for a manga, I was careful to avoid having the colored parts looking like other MS when drawn in black and white.

Le Cygne... Kunoichi Gundam?

[Sayama] At first, the editors ordered a high-speed, high-maneuverability "Kunoichi Gundam," requiring numerous thrusters. After, since I like the stripped-down-leg look of the GM Canard, I gave the leg joints a slim, exposed appearance, while the long extensions behind the hips give it a bird-like look.

The miniaturized, four-thruster backpack enables very quick movement.

--There's a lot of "bird" motifs in Ecole.



[Sayama] You can see that in how the "Ecole" building looks like an owl from above and in Asuna's training GM, the GM Canard. Le Cygne is definitely a Canard type... The Canard made this MS design possible, I think.

What about "Asuna Colors"?!

[Sayama] The Canard's colors were meant to be consistent with the world inside the manga. I avoided making the "Asuna Colors" look all one color like some kind of training unit.

I like abnormal, colors so I made this an "Abnormal Color Gundam."

--Abnormal Colors, meaning what?

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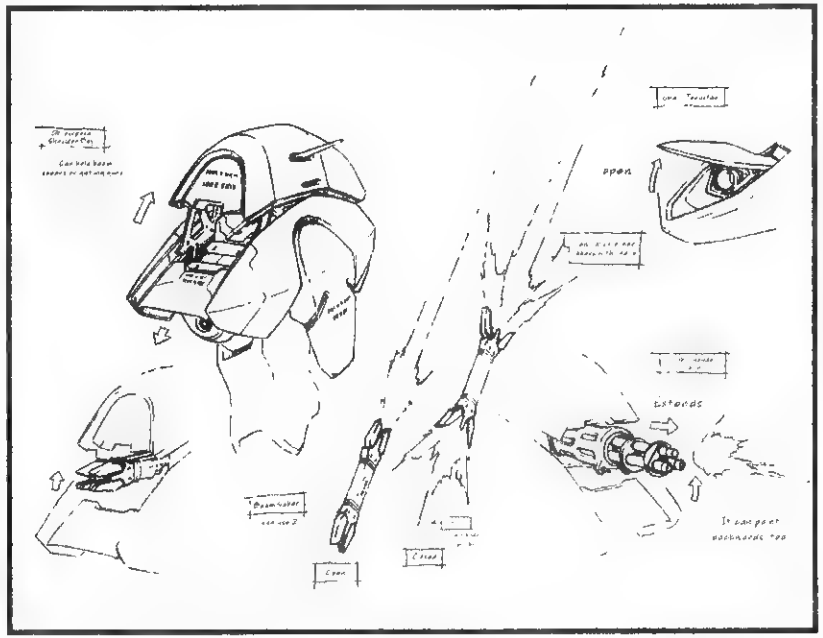
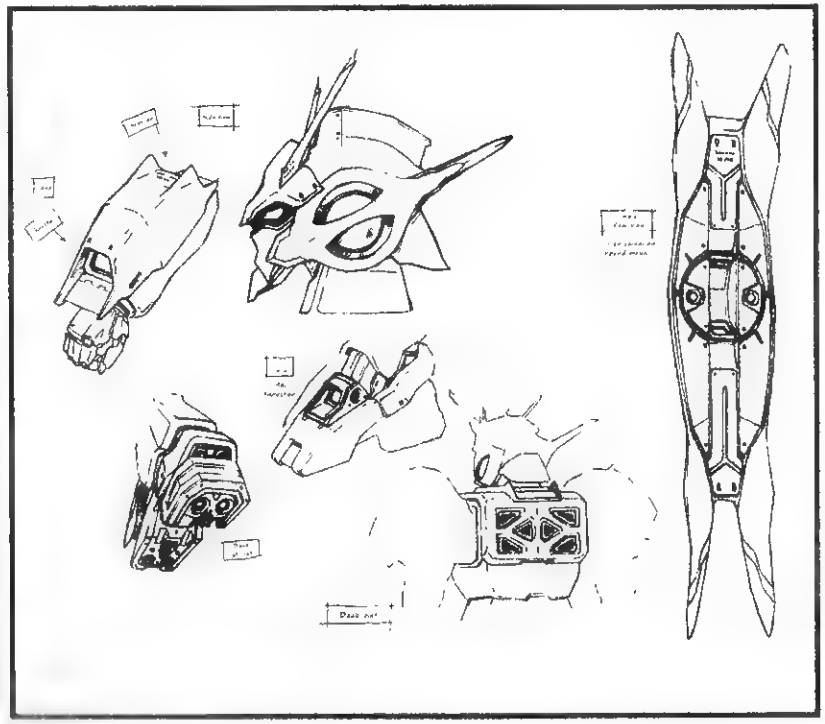
(*Note 3: Armored Troopers VOTOMS)



TV anime airing on Tokyo TV (1983, 52 eps) with several OAV's made after. Main character Chirico Cuvie pilots the Scopedog, a 12-foot AT...



... (Armored Trooper) but, many enemies and allies use the same AT; the Scopedog is not special in itself. Furthermore, it can be mixed...

...with scrap or industrial parts for numerous variations. Mecha design by Kunio Okawara, also the designer for "Mobile Suit Gundam."

Le Cygne's Weapon Systems

[Sayama] Like those of the "Thunderbird 2" (2), the shoulder parts are equipped for a variety of mission roles. There are slide rails inside the hatches. It may not look very well armed, but it actually has quite a few internal weapons.

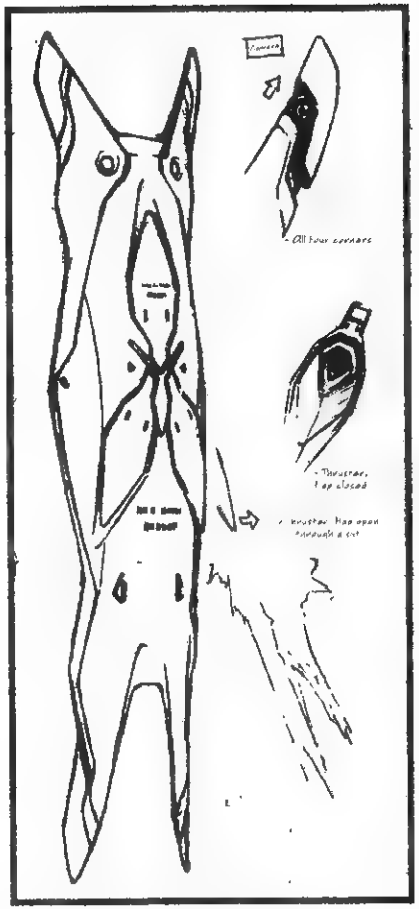
Ah, I truly have a love of dissection. (^_^) The "Thunderbird" was like that too, but, like the "Scopedog (*3) from the "Votoms" anime, I like to think of things down to the small details to make them feel real, with no extraneous parts. Everyone likes the feel of that, don't they?

Le Cygne's shield can rotate itself while mounted on an arm, which is somewhat convenient for turning the shield to cover the front or the flanks with a minimum of movement.

As you can see for yourself, there are thruster nozzles that come out of latches on both sides of the shield, with verniers and propellant tanks inside the shield... Risky construction, isn't it? That's why you can open and close the ducts.

What makes it "kunoichi" are the cameras at the four corners of the shield, allowing it to hide behind debris or meteorites and expose the cameras alone, making stealthy reconnaissance easy.

I was thinking of a shield with less height at first but, plenty of other Gundams have those, so I re-drew it like this.



--Final thoughts, please.

[Sayama] I'd love it if I could sweep away the fixed notion of "This is a Gundam." Rather than a design no one can find fault with, I find ones you can "critique"...

more interestingly. Ones that make you go, "What the heck is that--?!" (^_^)

(* Note 2: Thunderbirds)
British science-fiction TV show airing in 1965, set 100 years in the future (2065), covering the exploits of the Tracy family and "International Rescue". Thunderbird 2 could carry 1 to 5 containers holding mission-specific mecha, such as a jet drill, high-speed elevator cars, a miniature sub (Thunderbird 4), and so on. 2's various gimmicks influenced boys of the era.

People of Ecole — Mr. Shin Sasaki

He supervises all "Gundam Ace" properties, but he's also the preeminent member of the "Ecole" scenario committee, bringing his vital sense of balance from his point of view, high up on top of Supervision Castle. We could tell he was a ladies' man from the moment we met him, but since getting married and having his happiness multiply, the percentage of meetings taken over by toddlers has risen, as well. (^_^)

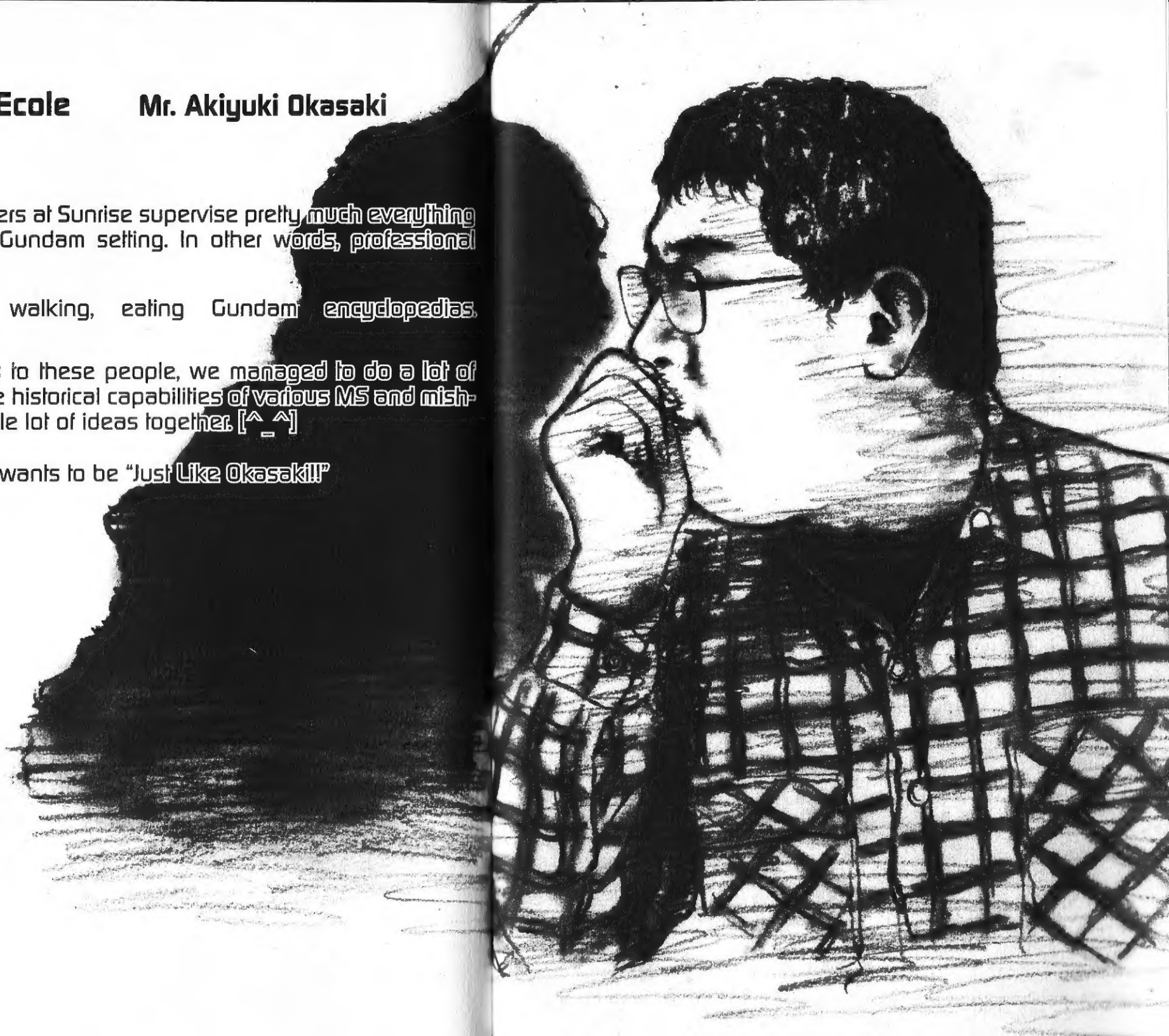
People of Ecole — Mr. Akiyuki Okasaki

The good soldiers at Sunrise supervise pretty much everything related to the Gundam setting. In other words, professional Gundam fans.

They're like walking, eating Gundam encyclopedias. Awesome!!

Largely thanks to these people, we managed to do a lot of research on the historical capabilities of various MS and mish-mashed a whole lot of ideas together. [^_^]

Every real fan wants to be "Just Like Okasaki!!"



Sorry, Literature Only
ASSISTANT N'S BLOG

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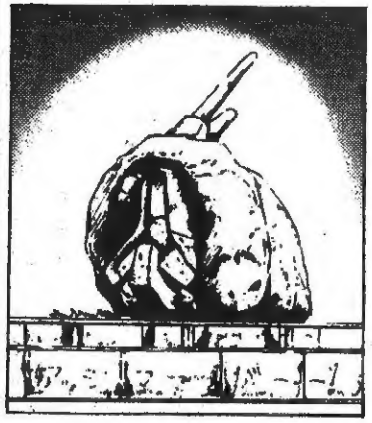
Shibuya

Way back, when I became a manga assistant for Mr. Arisumi Setagaya, a quick break when I switched trains at the Shibuya station on the Den'en Town Line was part of my daily routine.

I haven't been back to Shibuya for years but...the Moyai and Hachiko statues-- what did they look like...?

I tried drawing the familiar scenes based on memory.

Hachiko

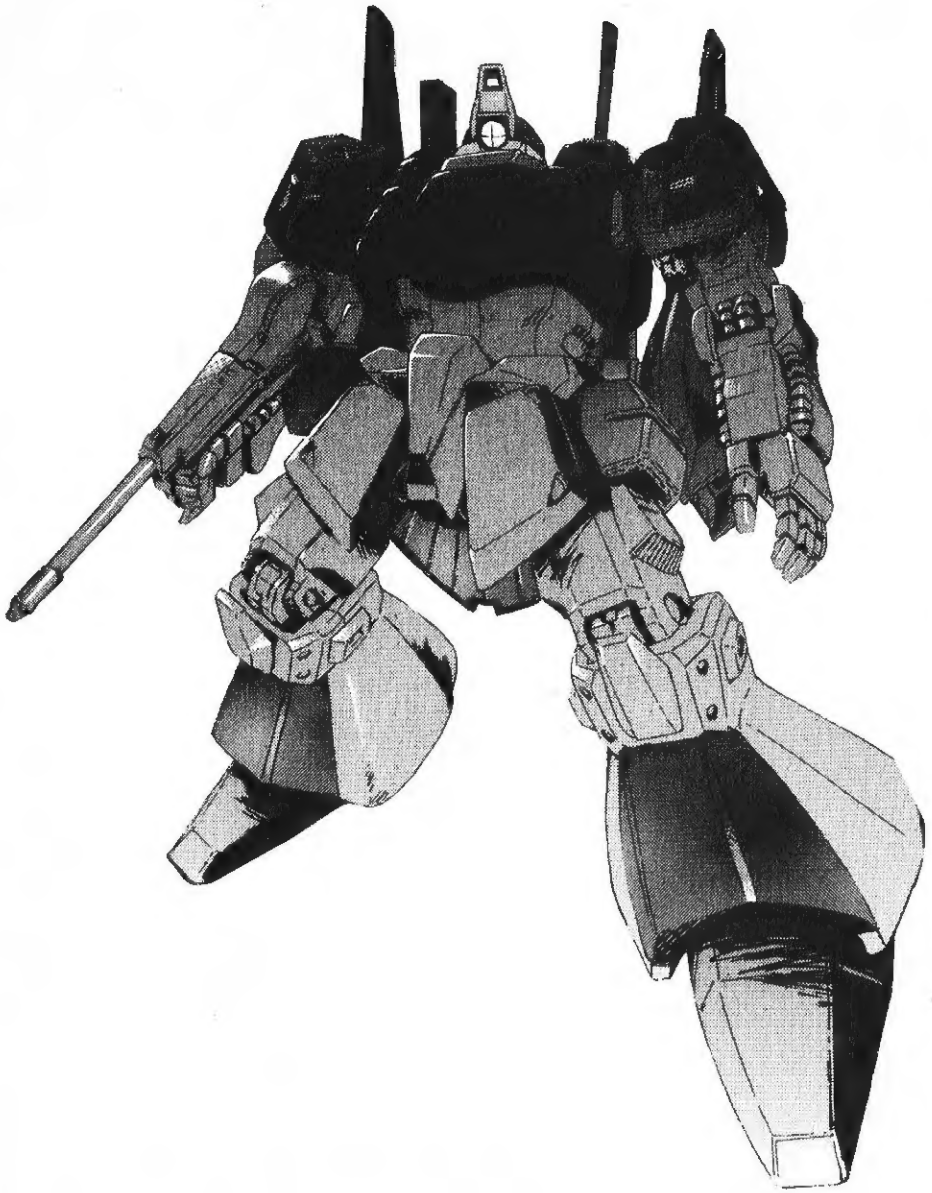


I remember Hachiko very well; it was like this. I used the smoking section here a lot.

Moyai Statue

The Moyai statue was... like this, huh... I smoked cigarettes at the smoking section here, too.

ASUNA ELMARIT GUNDAM "LE CYGNE"



ASSISTANT'S PAGE

"Miscellaneous Assistants" do all sorts of odd jobs here.

Ecole finally bursts into Part 3! Now old favorites from Zeta come out, but will original MS like the "GM Canard" appear, as well?!! (Kurami)

Don't you dare look away – it's gonna get even better from here!!